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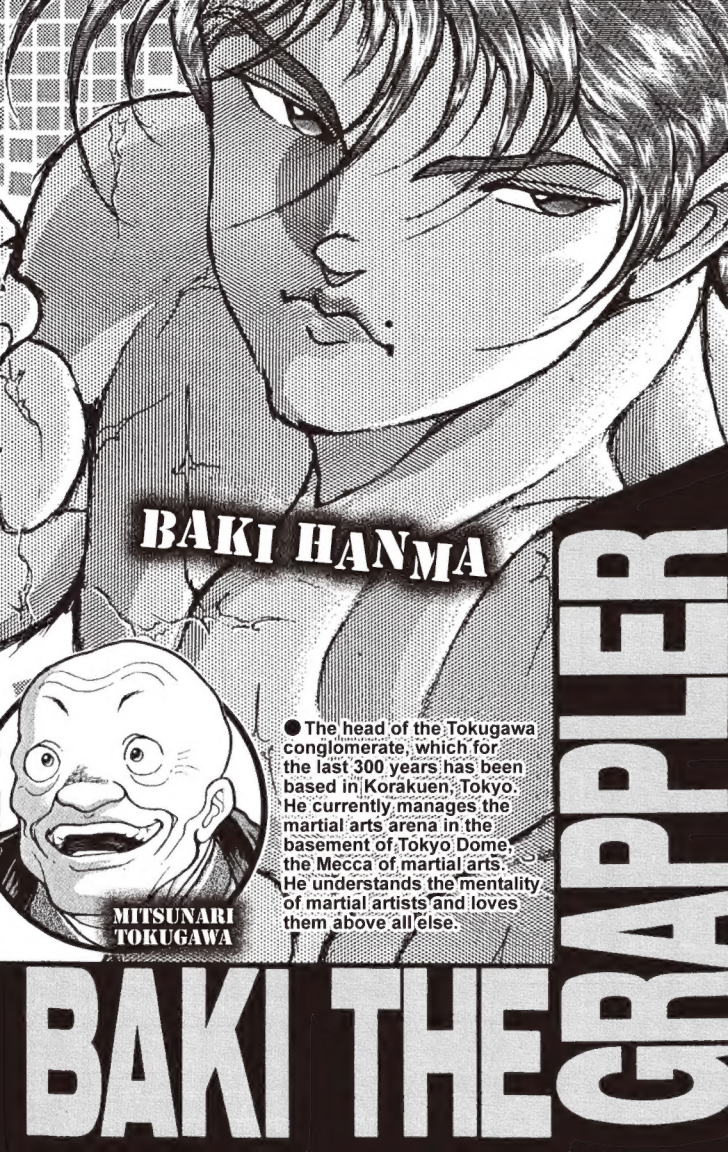
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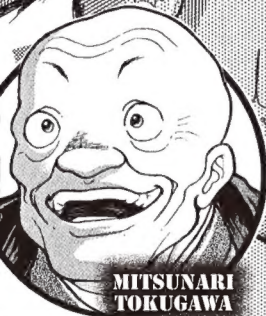
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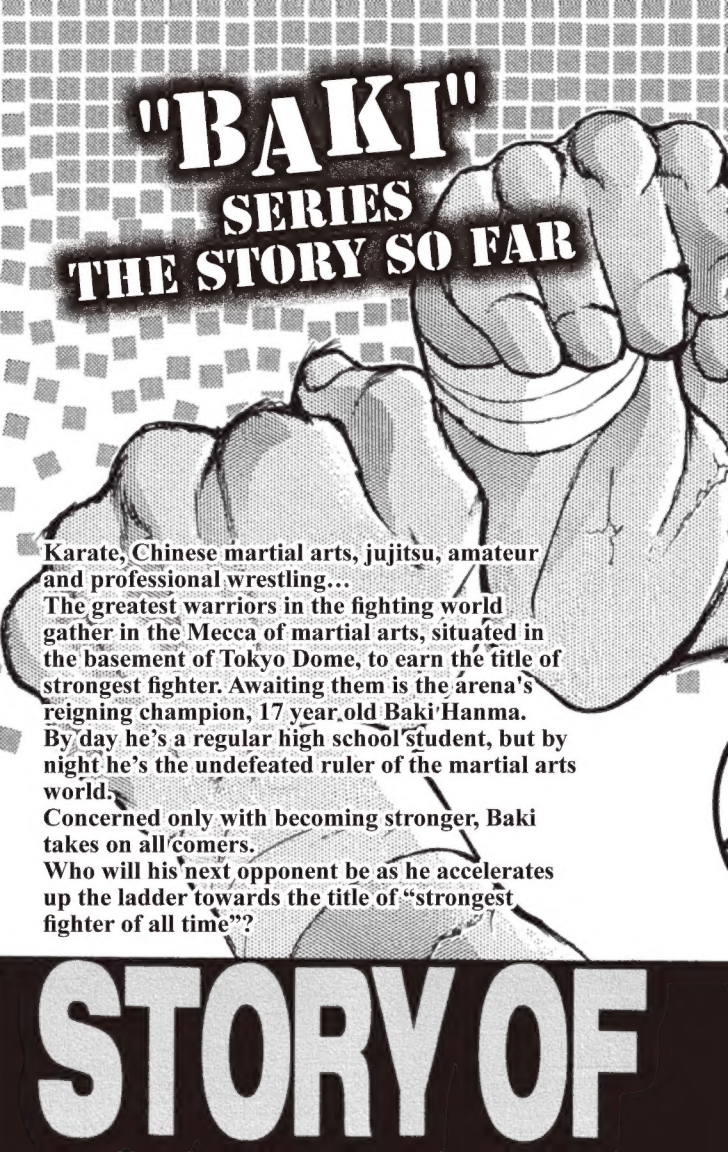
A large, detailed black and white illustration of a young man with short, dark hair, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The background is a grid pattern.

BAKI HANMA



● The head of the Tokugawa conglomerate, which for the last 300 years has been based in Korakuen, Tokyo. He currently manages the martial arts arena in the basement of Tokyo Dome, the Mecca of martial arts. He understands the mentality of martial artists and loves them above all else.

BAKI THE GRAPPLER



"BAKI"

SERIES

THE STORY SO FAR

Karate, Chinese martial arts, jujitsu, amateur and professional wrestling...

The greatest warriors in the fighting world gather in the Mecca of martial arts, situated in the basement of Tokyo Dome, to earn the title of strongest fighter. Awaiting them is the arena's reigning champion, 17 year old Baki Hanma.

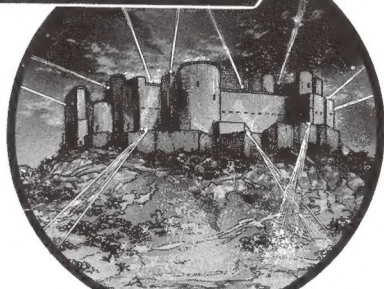
By day he's a regular high school student, but by night he's the undefeated ruler of the martial arts world.

Concerned only with becoming stronger, Baki takes on all comers.

Who will his next opponent be as he accelerates up the ladder towards the title of "strongest fighter of all time"?

STORY OF

BAKI



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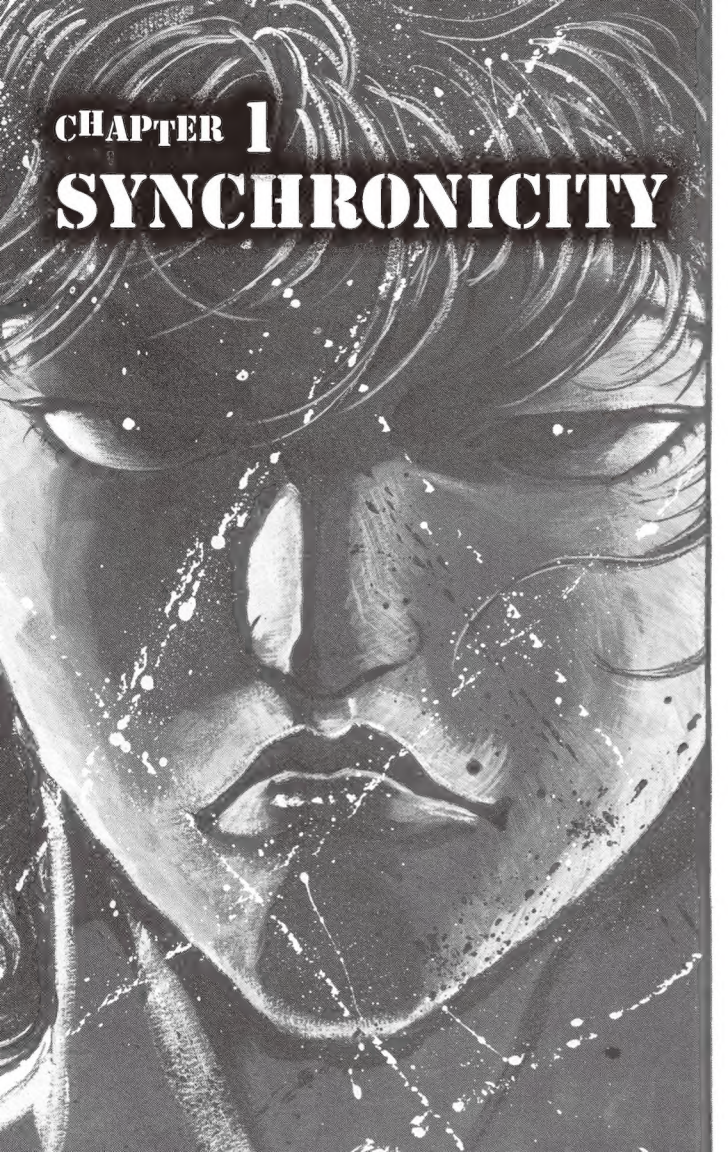
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BAIKI

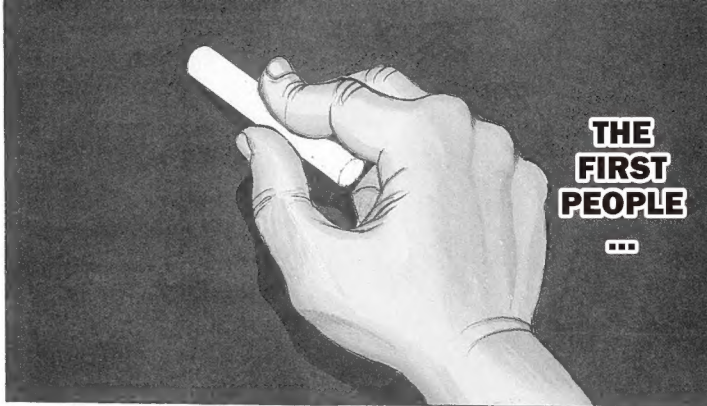
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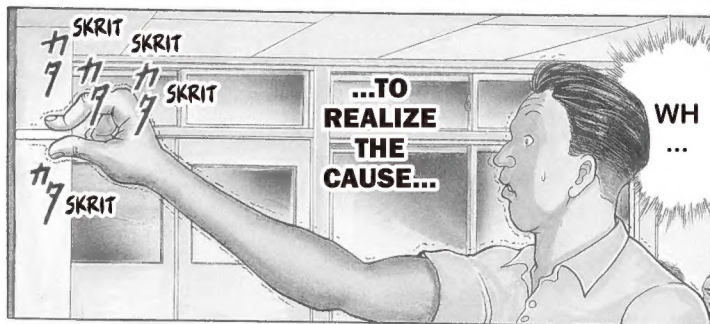
CHAPTER I

SYNCHRONICITY



THE FIRST PEOPLE

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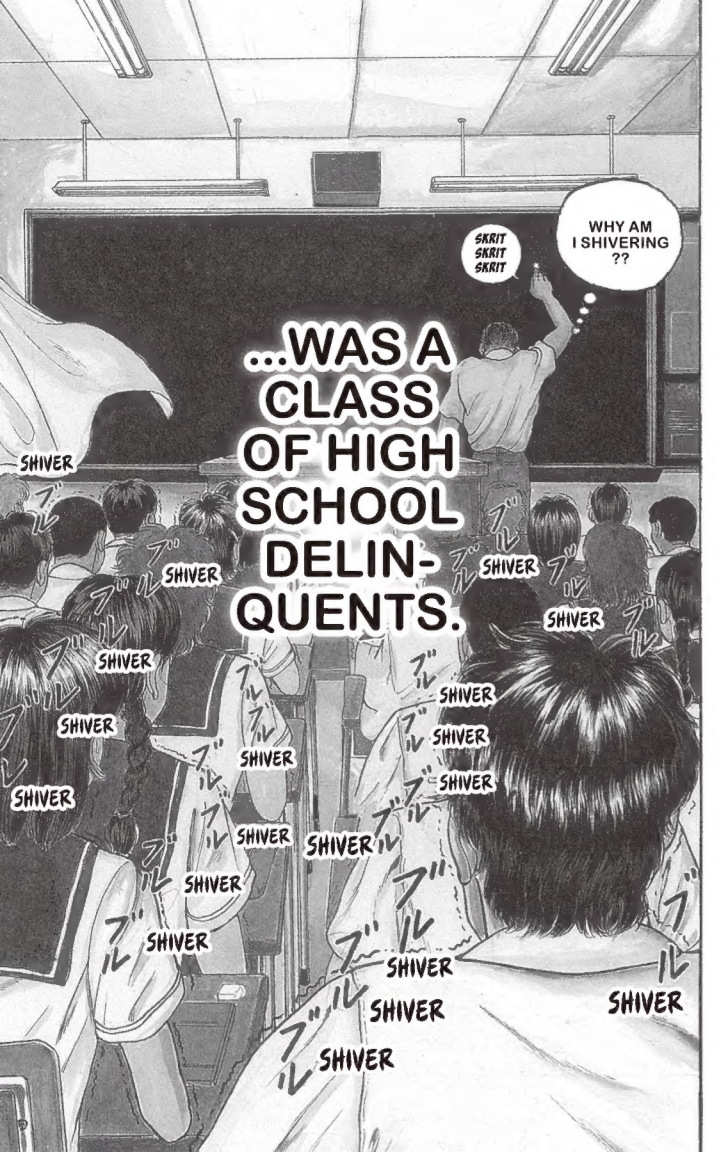
...TO
REALIZE
THE
CAUSE...

WH
...



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
??





SKRIT
SKRIT
SKRIT

WHY AM
I SHIVERING
??

...WAS A
CLASS
OF HIGH
SCHOOL
DELIN-
QUENTS.

SHIVER

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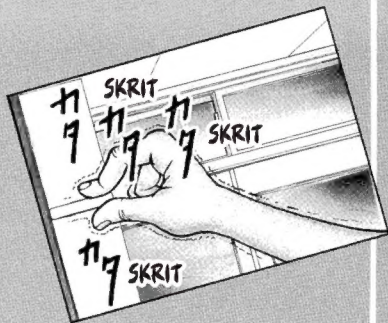
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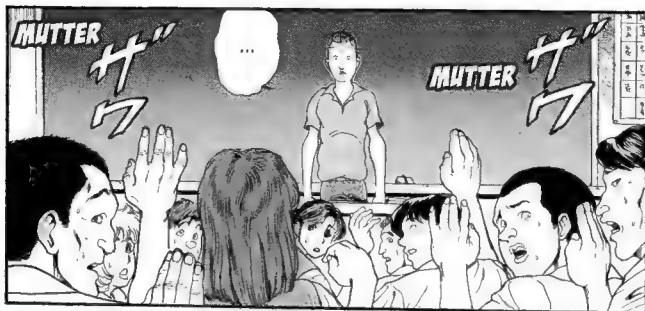


All BAKI wants is to Win!!











THIS GUY'S FINE.



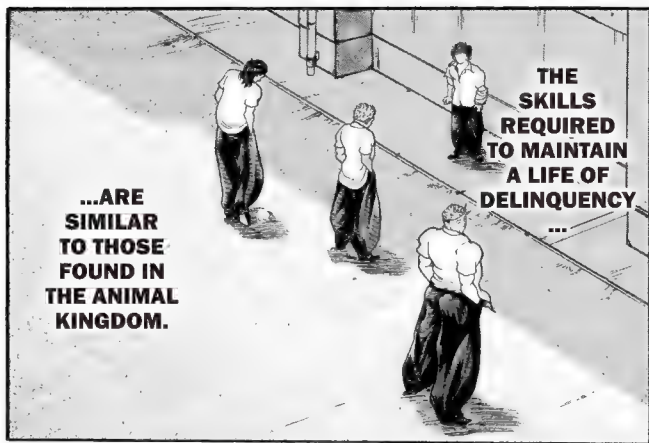
HE'S SLEEPING !!

HAAAAH

HANMA

...











THEIR
SKILL...

LEAVE
IT.



HE'S
NOT
WORTH
IT.

FORGET
THIS
PUNK.

...THEIR
GENES
DETECTED
IT...

SHIVER

SHIVER

NO...

SHIVER
SHIVER



WH-
WHAT
YOU
SAYIN'
??



IF
WE'RE
GOOD,
THEN
I'LL BE ON
MY WAY.

**...THEY
CAN
FEEL
SOME-
THING
COMING**

...









...BUT
IT'S NOT
MUCH OF
A STORY.

I'LL
TELL
YOU
IF YOU
WANT...



NOTHING
THAT
YOU'D
WANNA
GET
WRAPPED
UP IN.



**THE ABILITY TO
READ AN
OPPONENT'S
STRENGTH
AT A GLANCE.**



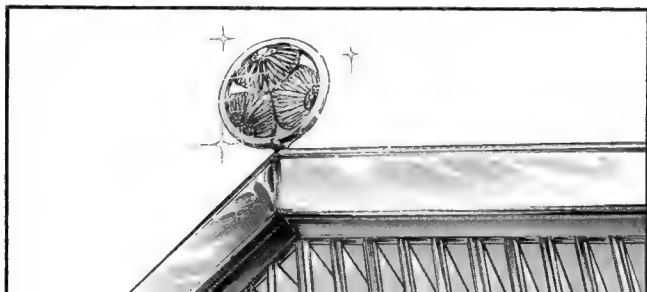


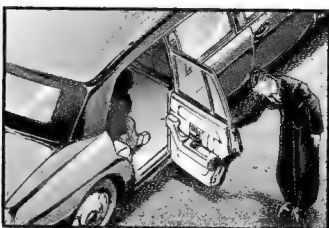
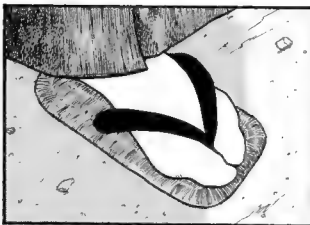
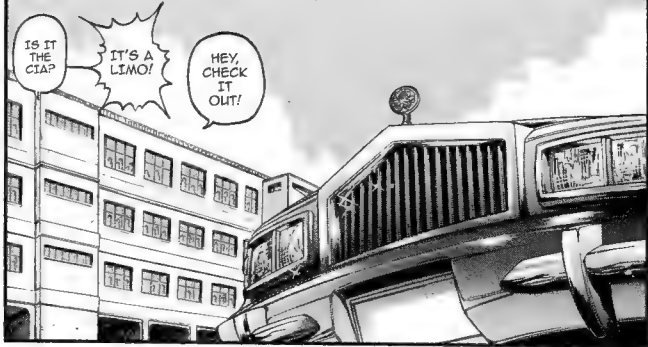
STAY OUTTA
MY WAY AND
YOU'VE GOT
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

GOOD LUCK
WITH THE
DELINQUENCY.

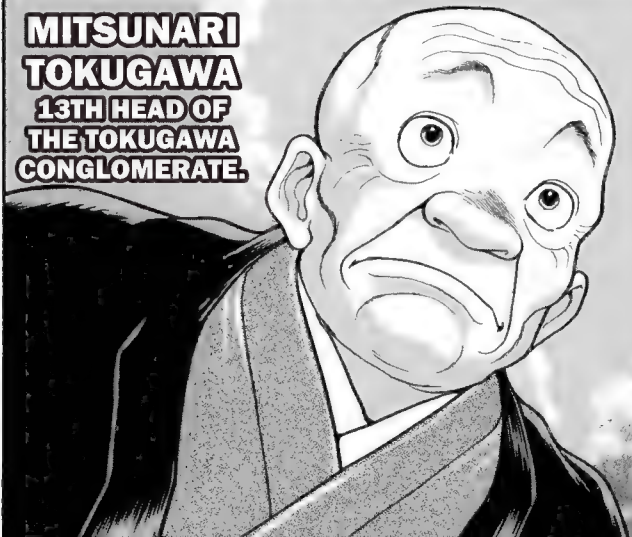
**... IS
SOMETIMES
A MORE
IMPORTANT
SKILL TO
HAVE THAN
STRENGTH
ITSELF.**

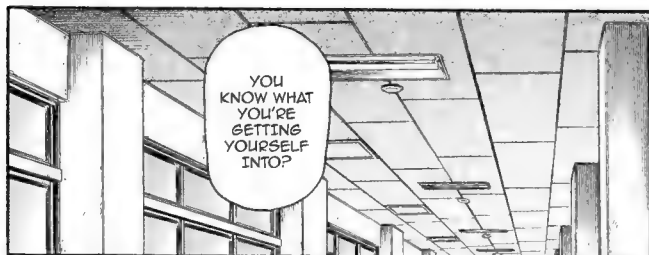


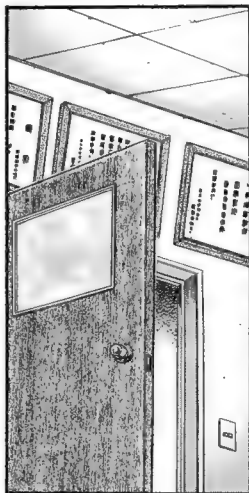
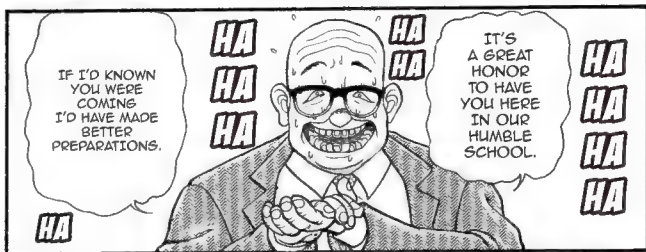
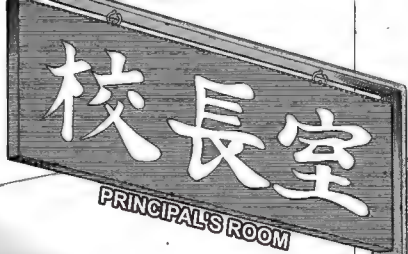




**MITSUNARI
TOKUGAWA**
13TH HEAD OF
THE TOKUGAWA
CONGLOMERATE.









HEEEY!!
CHAMPION
!!



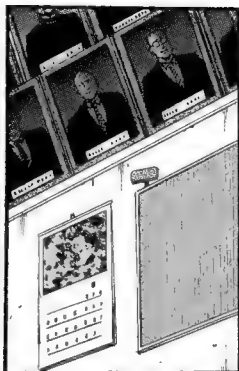
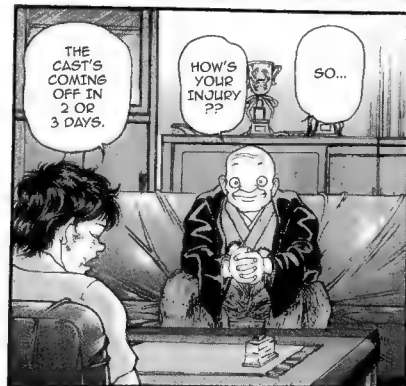
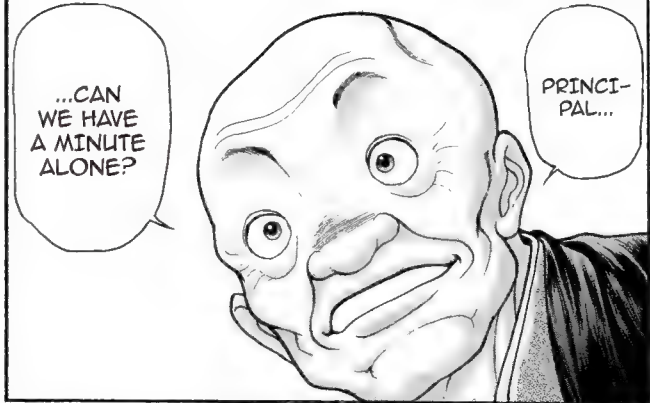
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DOING
HERE,
GRAMPS
??

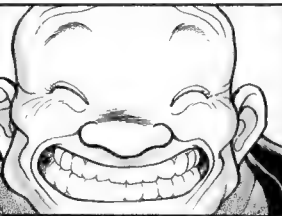
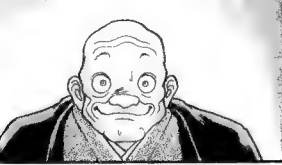
I'M
NOT A
CHAMPION
!!



NO
NEED
FOR
ANGER!

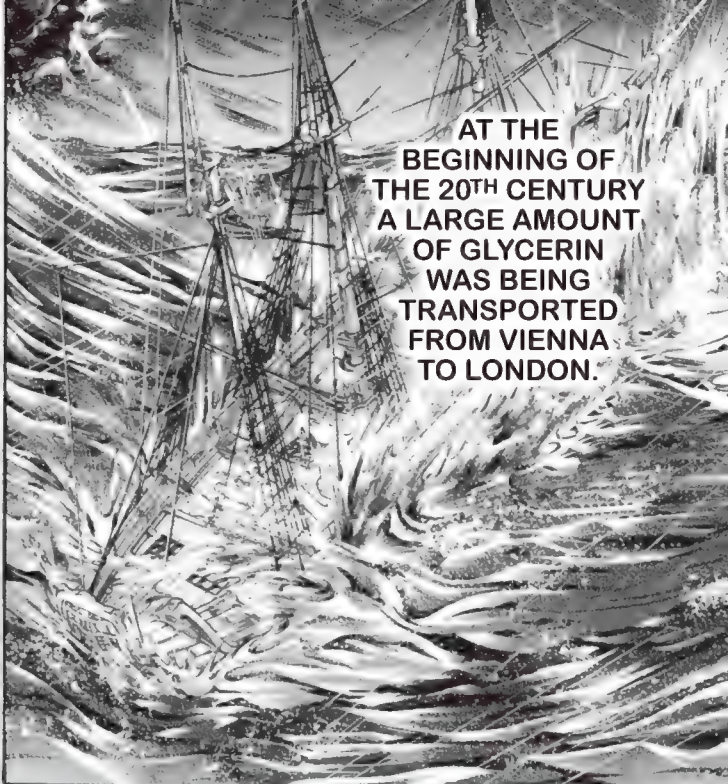
GR-
GRAMPS
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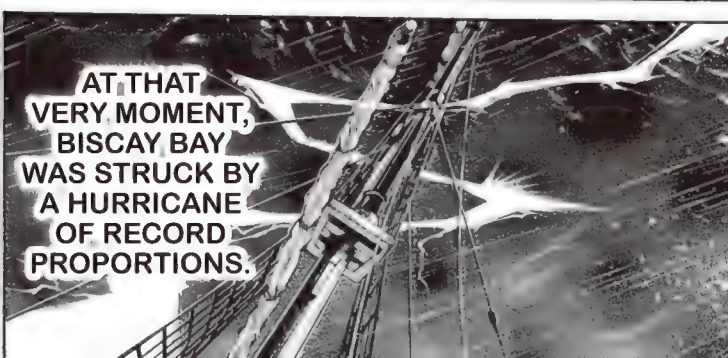




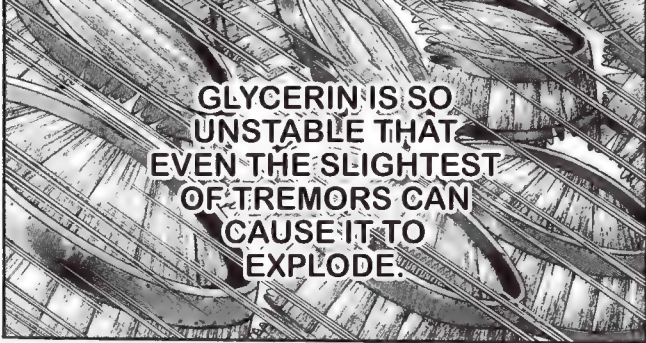




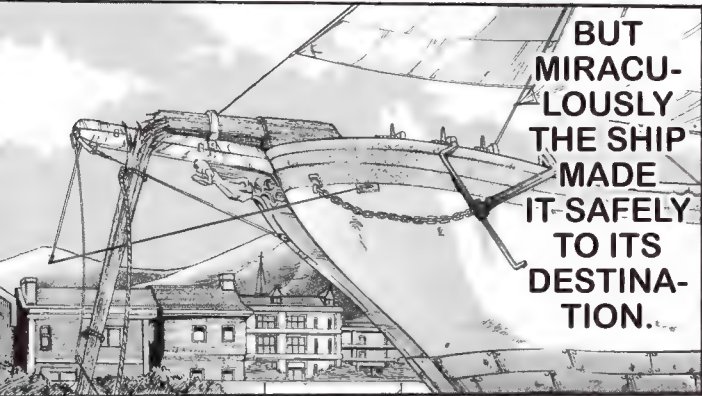
**AT THE
BEGINNING OF
THE 20TH CENTURY
A LARGE AMOUNT
OF GLYCERIN
WAS BEING
TRANSPORTED
FROM VIENNA
TO LONDON.**



**AT THAT
VERY MOMENT,
BISCAY BAY
WAS STRUCK BY
A HURRICANE
OF RECORD
PROPORTIONS.**



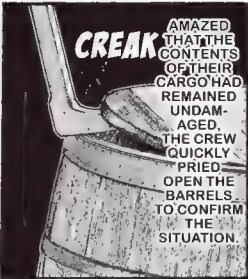
GLYCERIN IS SO
UNSTABLE THAT
EVEN THE SLIGHTEST
OF TREMORS CAN
CAUSE IT TO
EXPLODE.



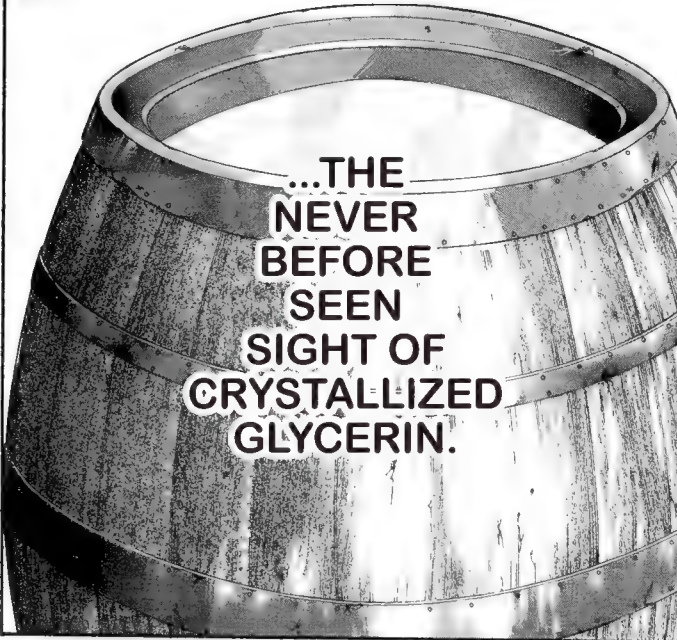
BUT
MIRACU-
LOUSLY
THE SHIP
MADE
IT SAFELY
TO ITS
DESTINA-
TION.



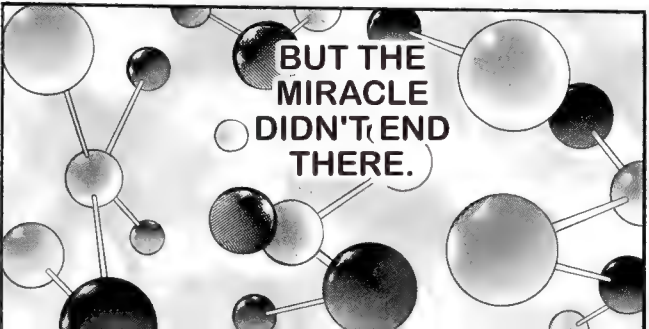
AND THEY
BEHELD...



CREAK AMAZED
THAT THE
CONTENTS
OF THEIR
CARGO HAD
REMAINED
UNDAM-
AGED,
THE CREW
QUICKLY
PRIED
OPEN THE
BARRELS
TO CONFIRM
THE
SITUATION.



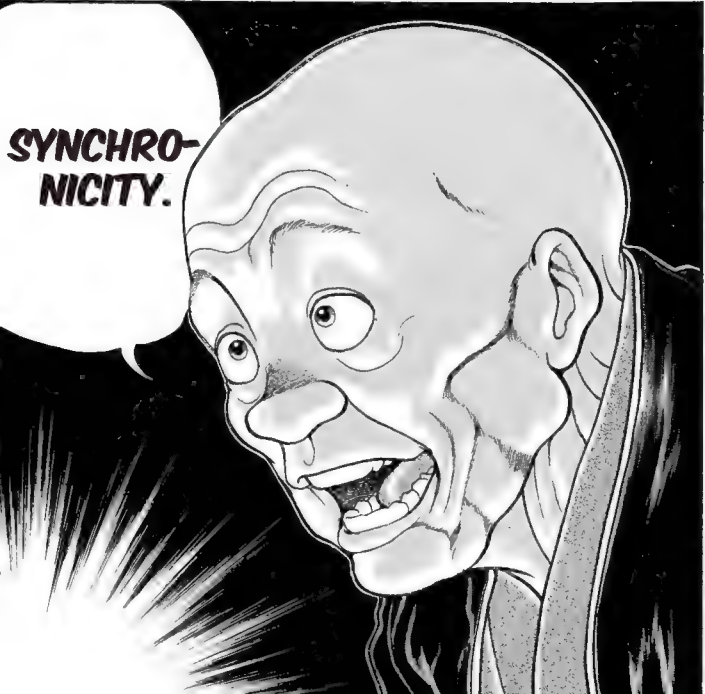
...THE
NEVER
BEFORE
SEEN
SIGHT OF
CRYSTALLIZED
GLYCERIN.



BUT THE
MIRACLE
DIDN'T END
THERE.



**BEGINNING
THAT DAY,
GLYCERIN FROM
ALL CORNERS
OF THE EARTH
BEGAN TO
CRYSTALLIZE.**



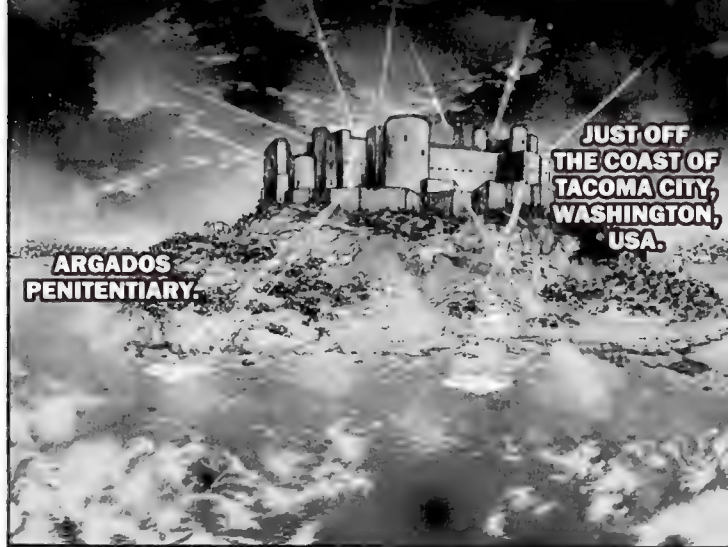
**SYNCHRO-
NICITY.**



...SIMULTA-
NEOUSLY
UNDERGO
AN
IDENTICAL
TRANSFOR-
MATION.

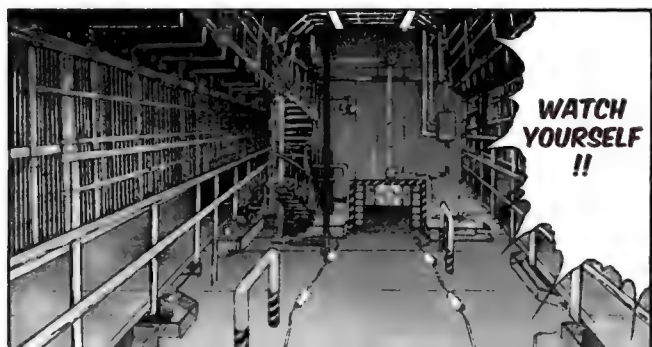
UNRELATED
AND
ISOLATED
SUBSTANCES
AND
ORGANISMS
FROM ALL
OVER THE
WORLD,
OR POSSIBLY
BEYOND...





**ARGADOS
PENITENTIARY.**

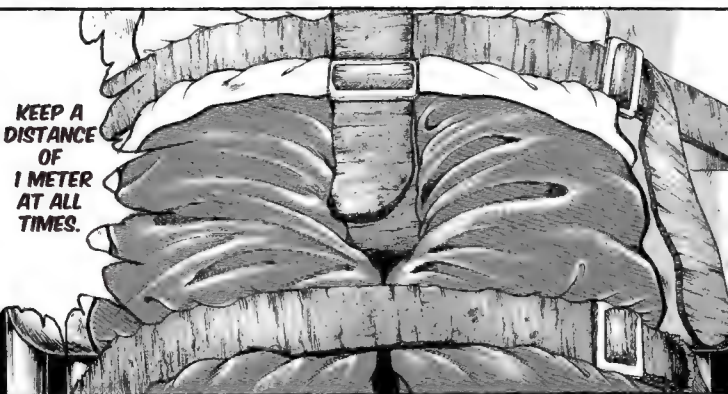
**JUST OFF
THE COAST OF
TACOMA CITY,
WASHINGTON,
USA.**



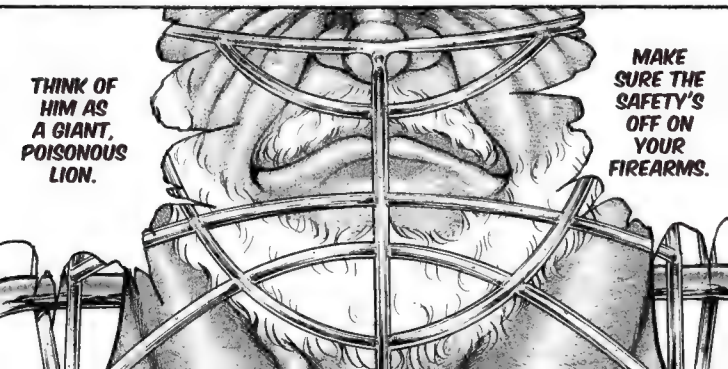
**WATCH
YOURSELF
!!**



**DON'T
GET
TOO
CLOSE.**



**KEEP A
DISTANCE
OF
1 METER
AT ALL
TIMES.**



**THINK OF
HIM AS
A GIANT,
POISONOUS
LION.**

**MAKE
SURE THE
SAFETY'S
OFF ON
YOUR
FIREARMS.**



**DON'T
TALK TO HIM
UNDER ANY
CIRCUM-
STANCES.**

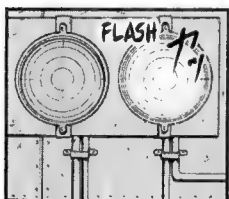
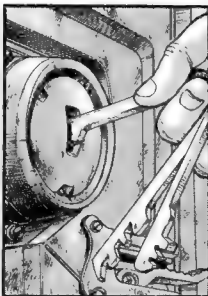
**I'D
RATHER
BE DOING
ANYTHING
BUT THIS.**

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE





GA-CHUNK

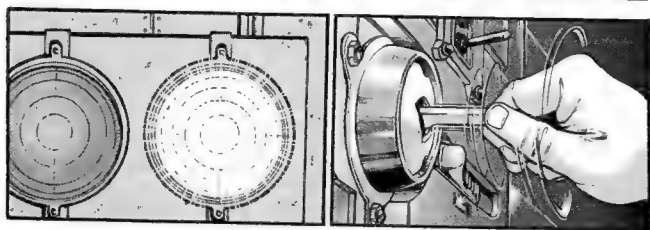
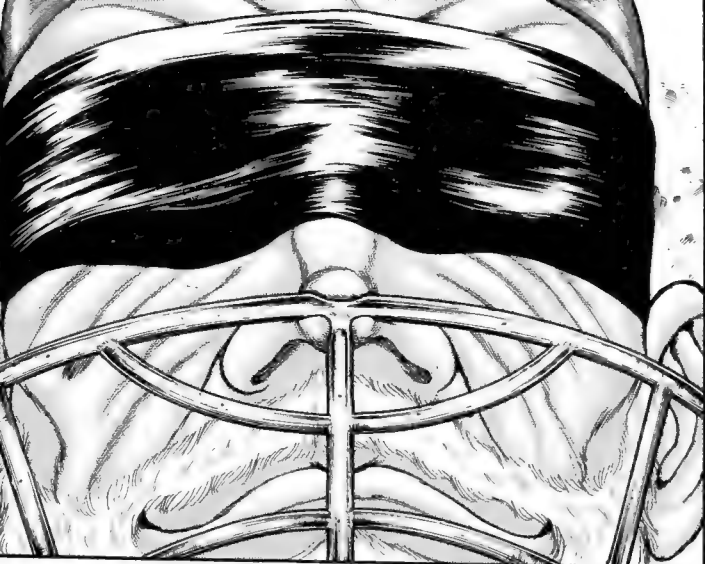


CAN THE GALLOWS
EVEN
SUPPORT
SOMETHING
THIS BIG?

ガッ RUMBLE
ガッ RUMBLE

ガッ RUMBLE
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ガッ RUMBLE





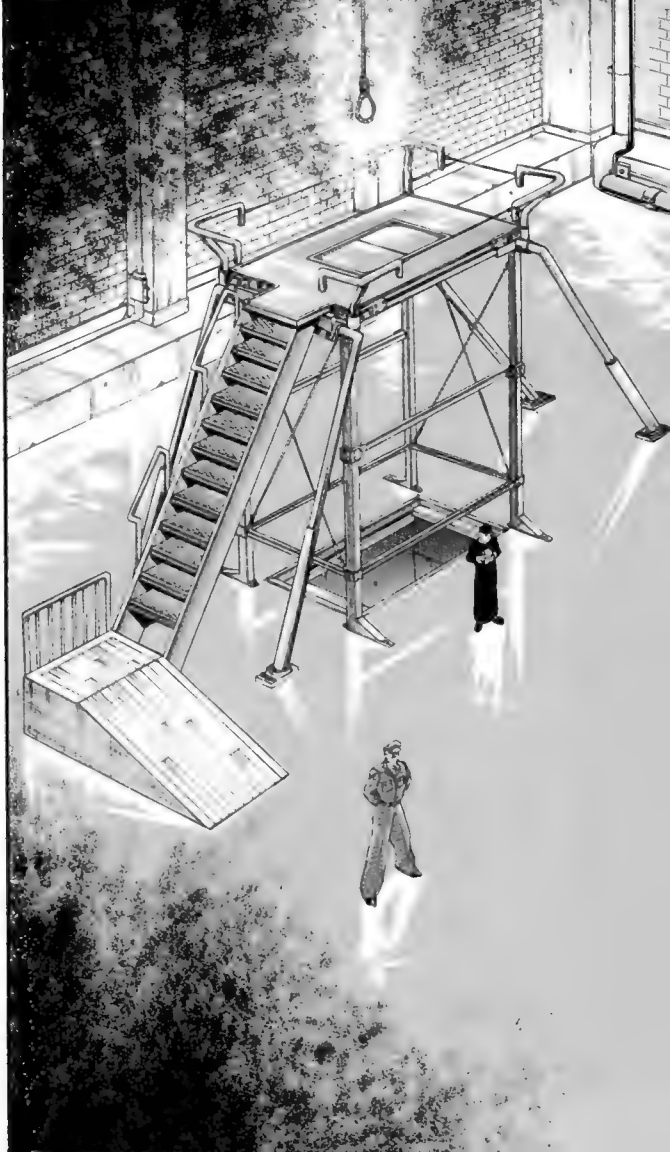
**HALT
!!**

STOMP

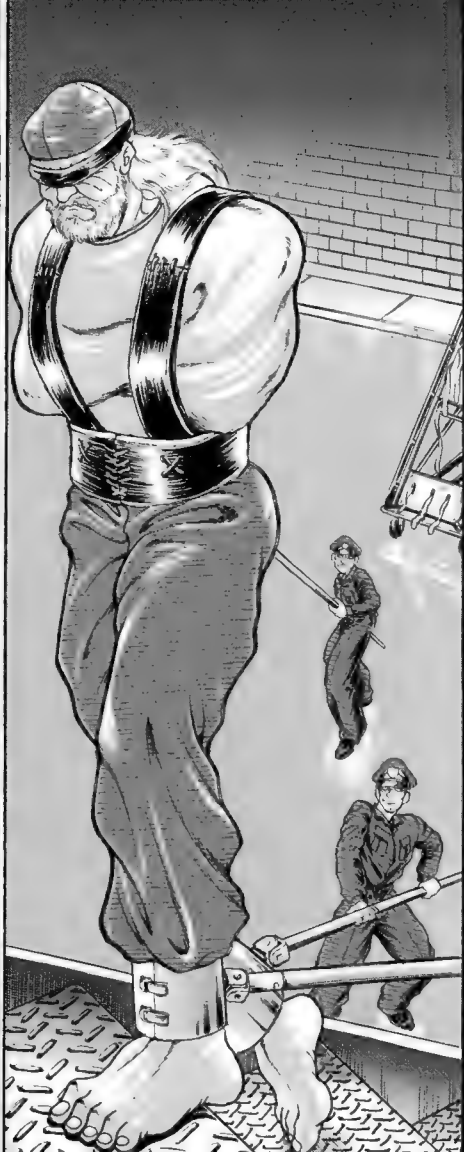
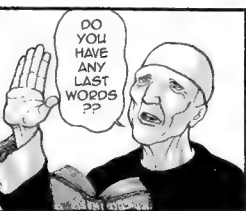
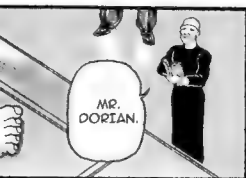
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STOMP

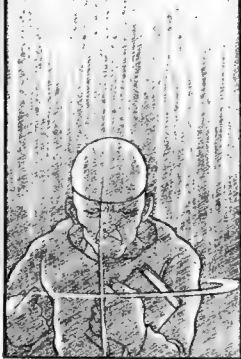
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...THE
UNTHINK-
ABLE
OCCURRED.

THAT'S
WHEN
...

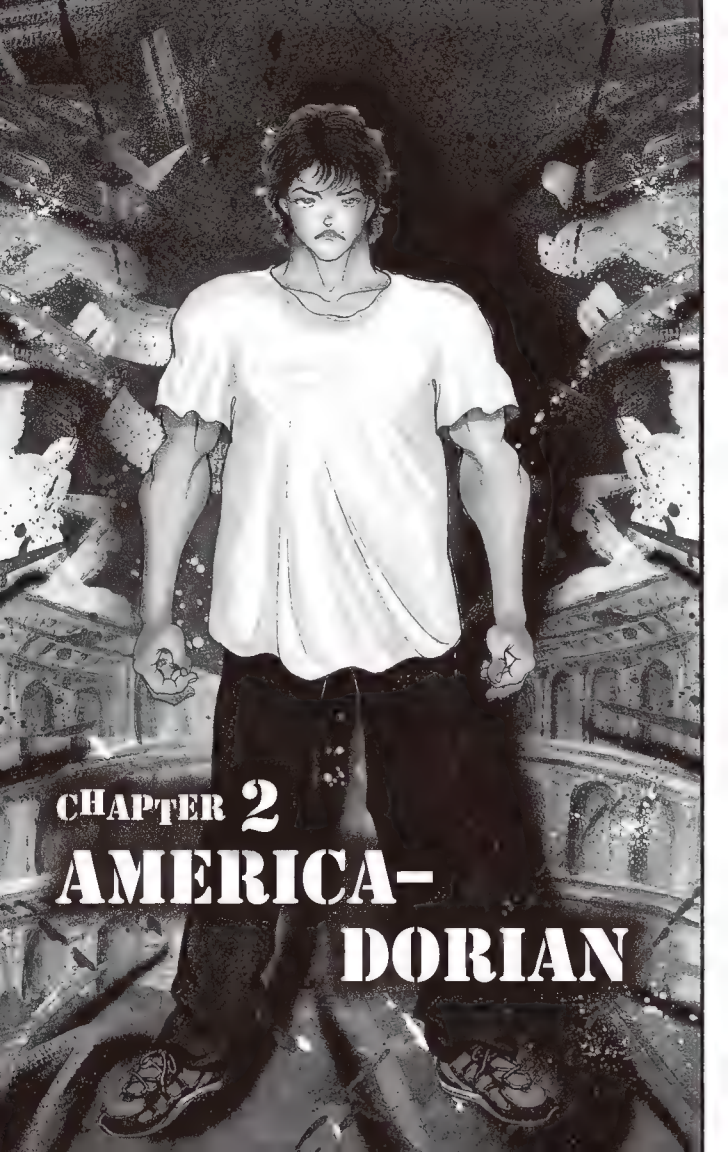
BAKI COLUMN

~SYNCHRONICITY 1~

Synchronicity is a term coined by the analytical psychologist Carl Yung, which he defined as a "meaningful coincidence". One example of synchronicity cited by Yung revolves around the experiences of a French poet by the name of Émile Deschamps. When Deschamps was in junior high school he went to lunch with a man called Monsieur de Fortgibu, who recommended a rare dessert known as plum pudding.

10 years later Deschamps happened to spot a plum pudding in the window of a restaurant he was walking by. Upon entering the restaurant to order the dessert, he caught sight of Monsieur De Fortgibu eating at one of the tables.

Many years passed. Deschamps was invited to a dinner party at which plum pudding was to be served. He joked to the hostess that Monsieur De Fortgibu would likely show up, proceeding to recount his previous encounters with plum pudding to the members of the room. At that precise moment an old man entered and introduced himself as Monsieur De Fortgibu. The room was speechless.



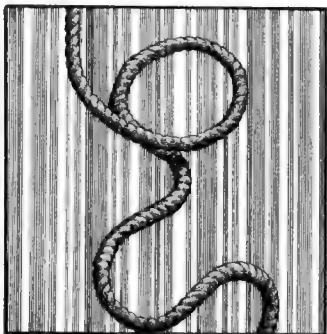
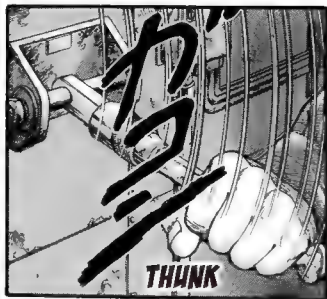
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AMERICA-
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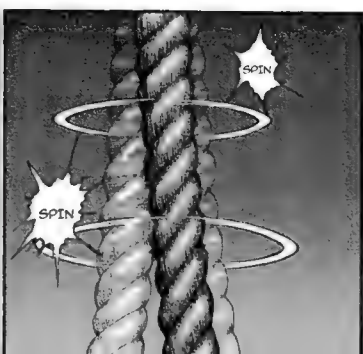
All BAKI wants is to Win!!

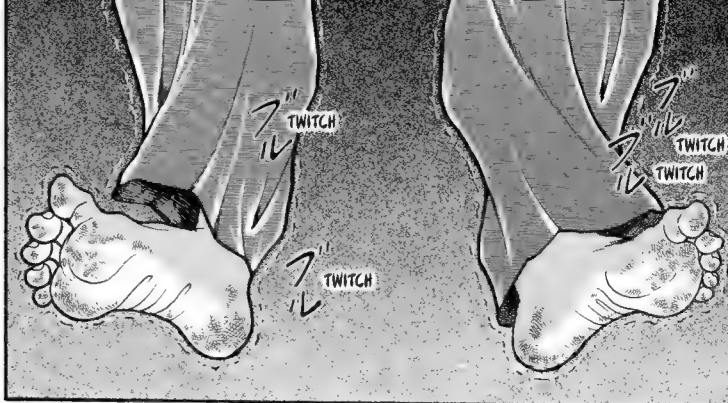




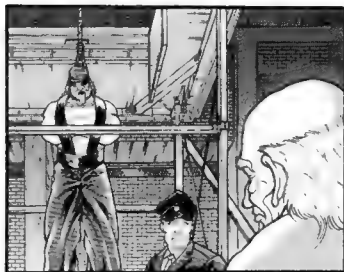


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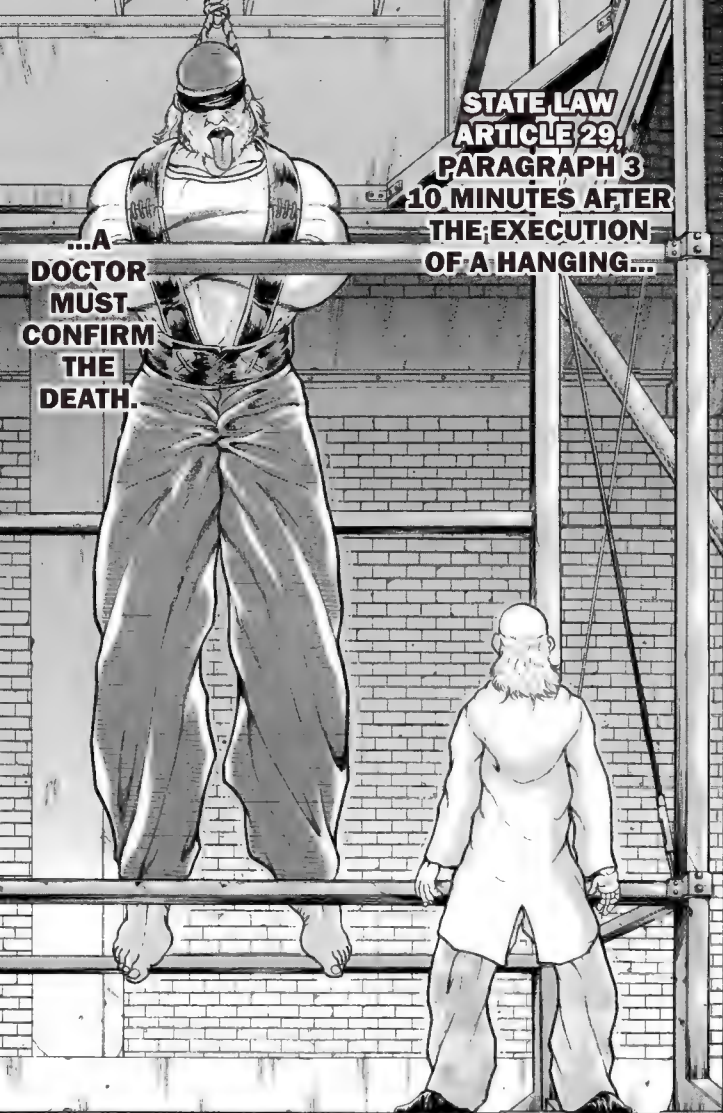


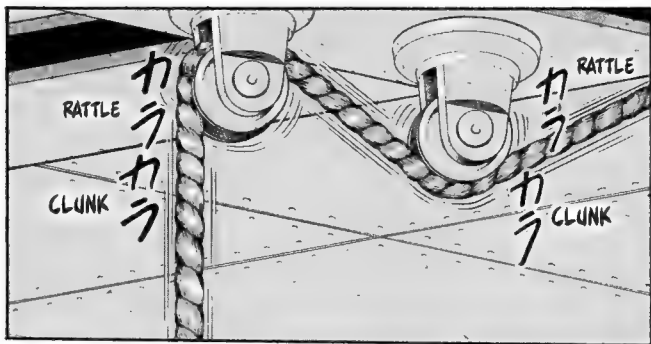


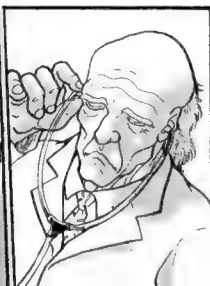


**STATE LAW
ARTICLE 29,
PARAGRAPH 3
10 MINUTES AFTER
THE EXECUTION
OF A HANGING...**

**...A
DOCTOR
MUST
CONFIRM
THE
DEATH.**











SHOOMPH





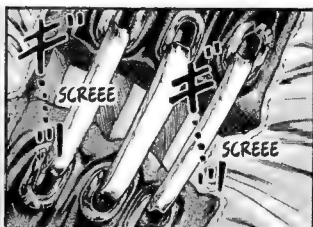
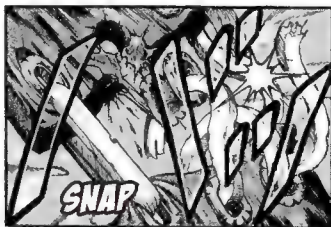
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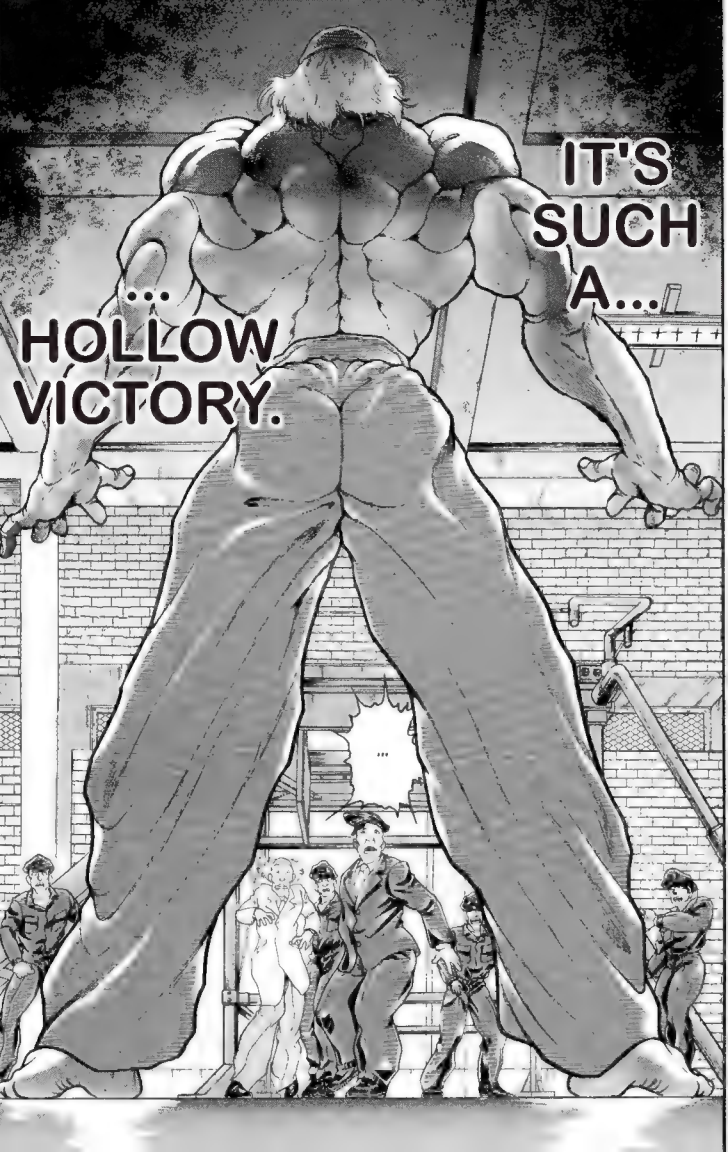


IT'S
ALWAYS
THE SAME
WITH YOU
GUYS.



NOT ONE
OF YOU
PROVIDES A
CHALLENGE.

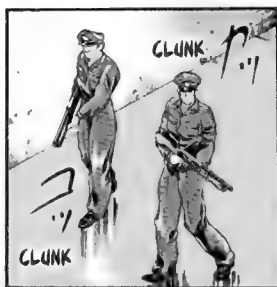


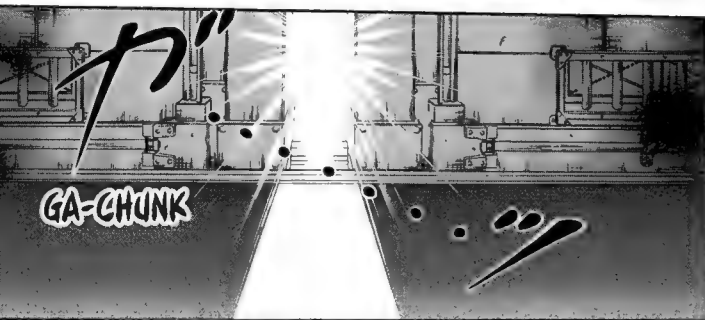
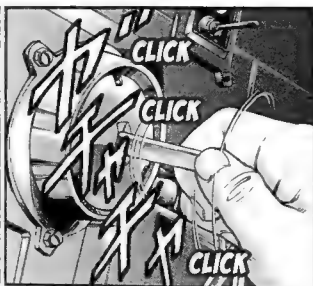
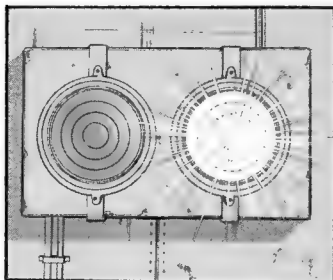


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**HOLLOW
VICTORY.**

**IT'S
SUCH
A...**







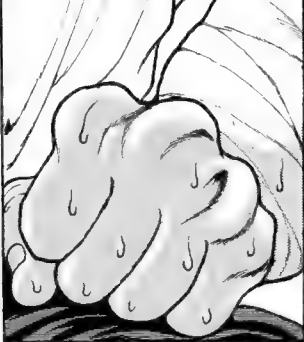




LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN,
SEE YOU
AGAIN IN
TOKYO.







BAKI COLUMN

~SYNCHRONICITY 2~

In recent years synchronicity has been encountered on numerous occasions by biologists.

The phenomenon can be witnessed in the actions and evolutions of various animal species.

For instance, on the island of Kojima, not far off the coast of Kyushu, Japan, many experiments and observational studies were performed on colonies of Japanese macaques, in order to better understand their activities. Among these studies was the observation of the macaques' eating habits.

The macaques were provided with more than 100 varieties of foods, including one particularly difficult to eat item: sweet potatoes covered in mud and sand. Despite knowing how to eat fruits and tree bark, the macaques were stumped when it came to eating dirty food.

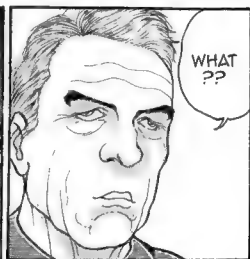
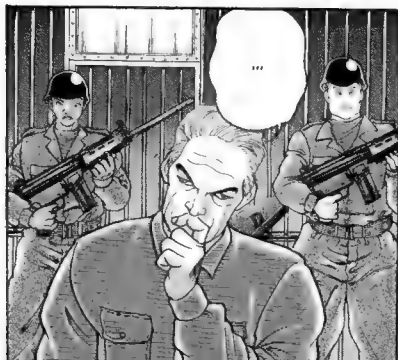
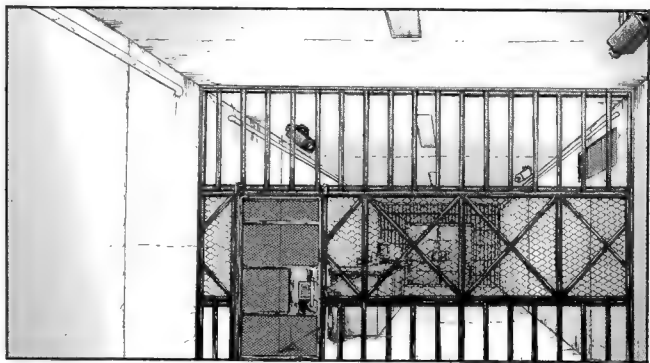
It was then that a female macaque by the name of "Imo" came up with a solution. She took the potato to the river and proceeded to wash it. To the macaques, this was a feat equivalent to the invention of the light bulb. It quickly spread throughout the colony, but the phenomenon wasn't restricted to the island. It crossed the ocean barrier to various other islands where the same experiments were being conducted. Soon, macaques all over the mainland were washing sweet potatoes in the river.



CHAPTER 3

GREAT

BRITAIN-DOYLE





...
**TASTE
DEFEAT
??**

**YOU
WANT
TO...**



THEN
LET ME
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING...



THOSE
ARE
YOUR
LAST
WORDS?

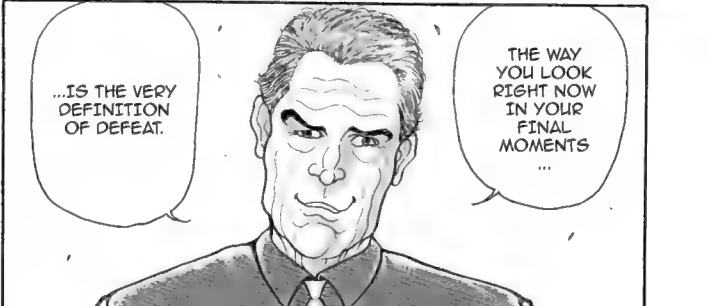


**WHAT
?!**



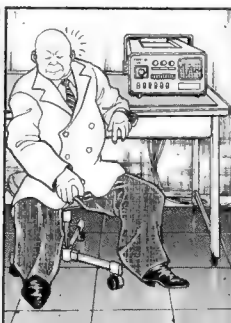
...AS A
VICTORY?

DO
YOU VIEW
THIS
OUTCOME
...



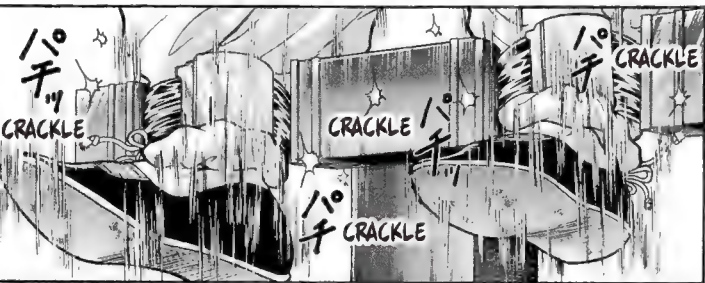
...IS THE VERY
DEFINITION
OF DEFEAT.

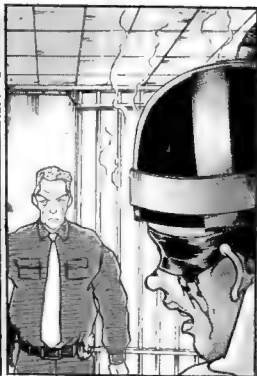
THE WAY
YOU LOOK
RIGHT NOW
IN YOUR
FINAL
MOMENTS
...

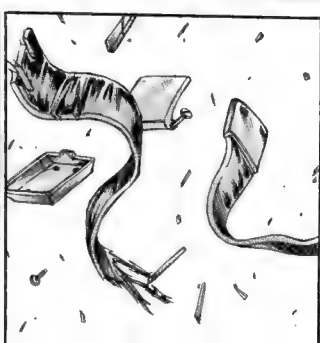
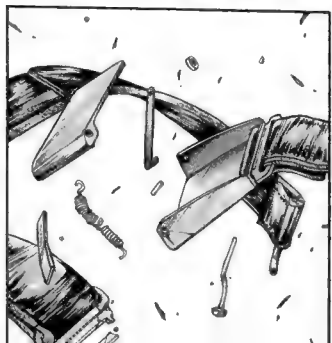




ZZAAZZZ-
AAZZZAAZZZ







THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY.

WHAT YOU
STANDING
AROUND
FOR?









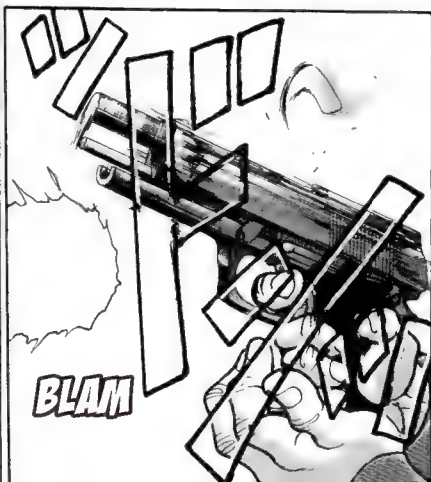
BUT
I'M EVEN
MORE
DANGER-
OUS.



...



THAT'S WHY
I'M GONNA
KEEP THIS
BLINDFOLD
ON.







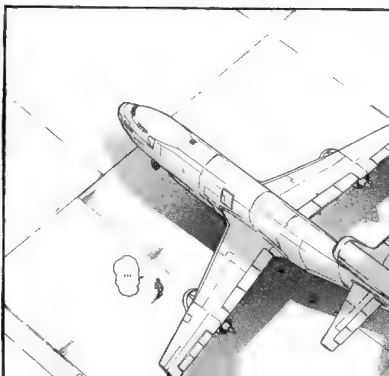
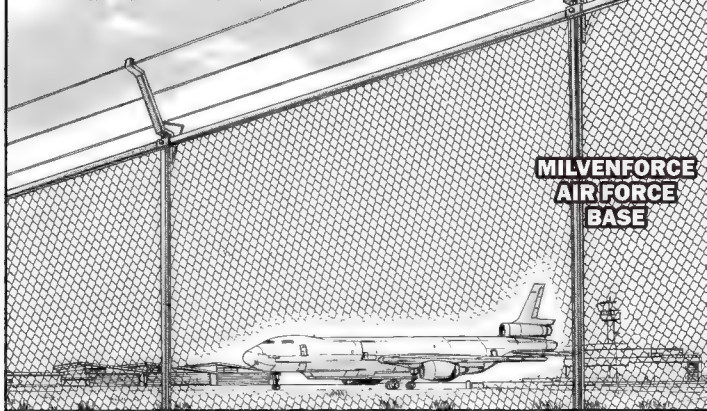


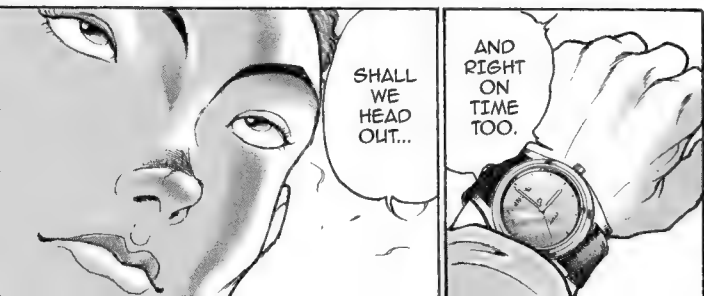






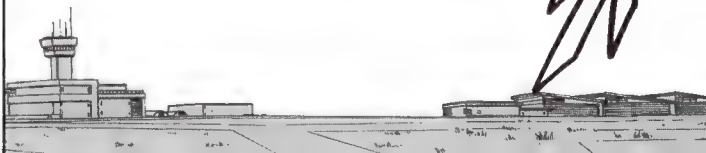
...I'D
HAVE GOT
MY WISH.

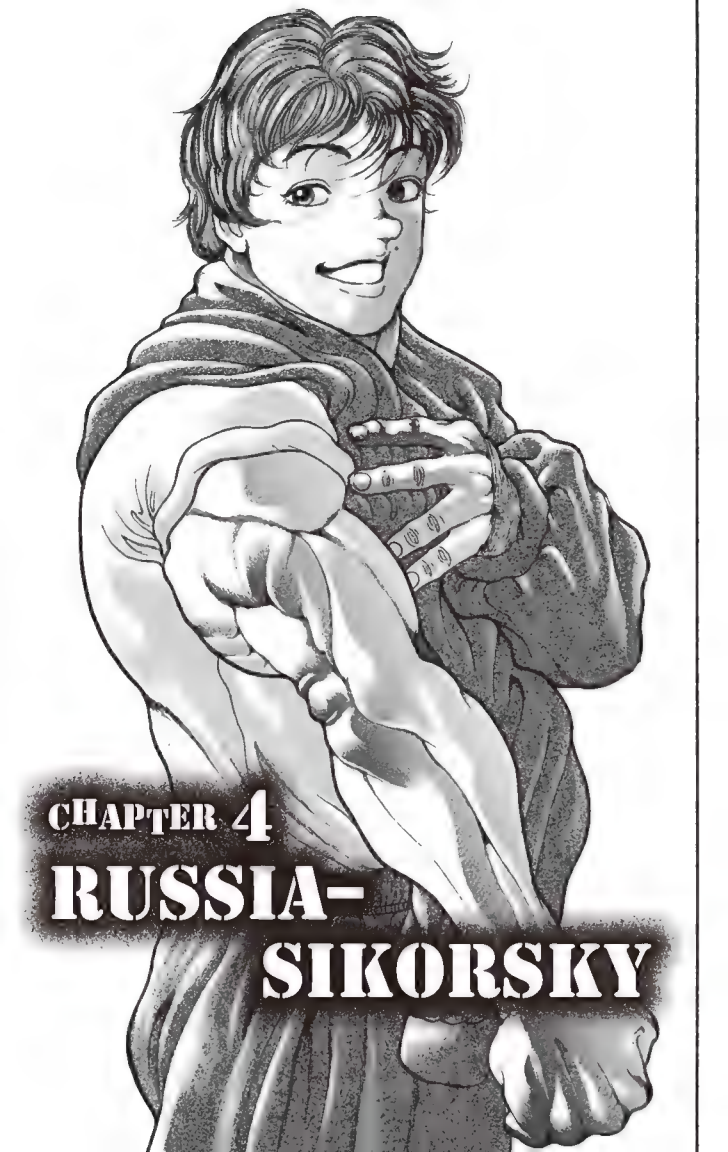




...EAST?

VOOOOOOOOOOOOM

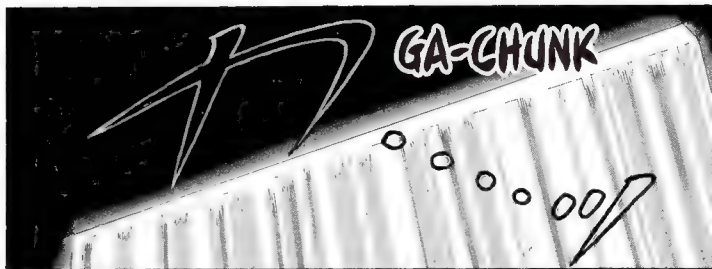


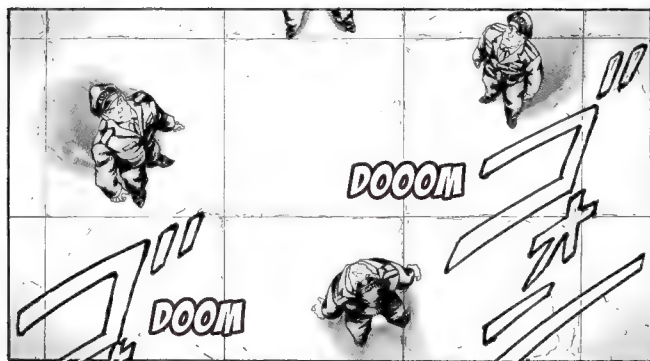


CHAPTER 4

RUSSIA-

SIKORSKY







DOOOM

A MAN
WEIGHING
OVER
100 KILOS
...

...SCALED A
100 METER
HIGH STEEL
WALL
WITHOUT
ANY
SUPPORT ??





**DON'T
GIVE
ME THAT
!!**



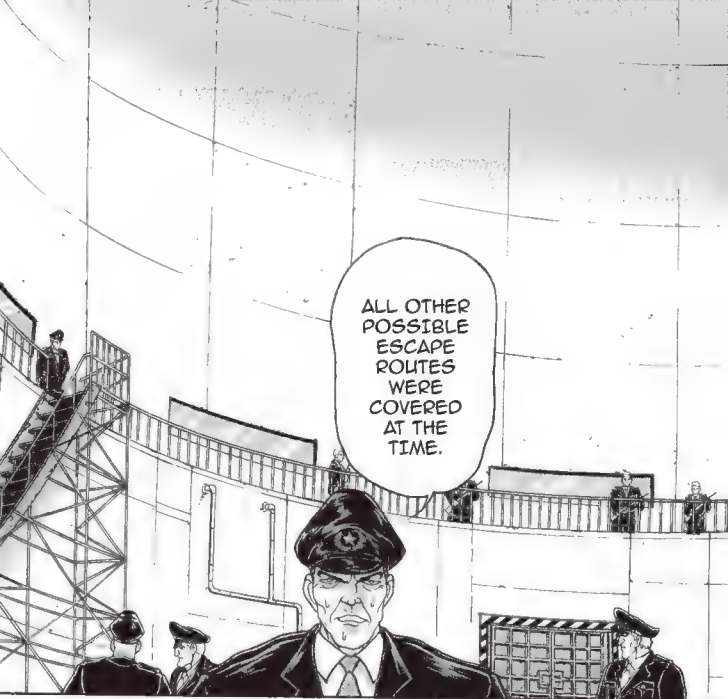
**ROCK
CLIMBING.**



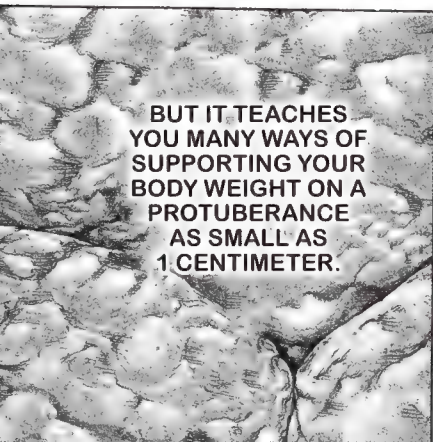
**THERE
IS ONE
POSSI-
BILITY.**



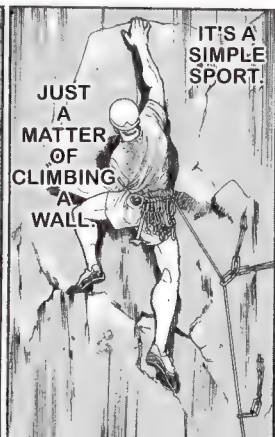
**HOW IN
THE HELL
IS THAT
POSSIBLE
??**



ALL OTHER
POSSIBLE
ESCAPE
ROUTES
WERE
COVERED
AT THE
TIME.



BUT IT TEACHES
YOU MANY WAYS OF
SUPPORTING YOUR
BODY WEIGHT ON A
PROTUBERANCE
AS SMALL AS
1 CENTIMETER.

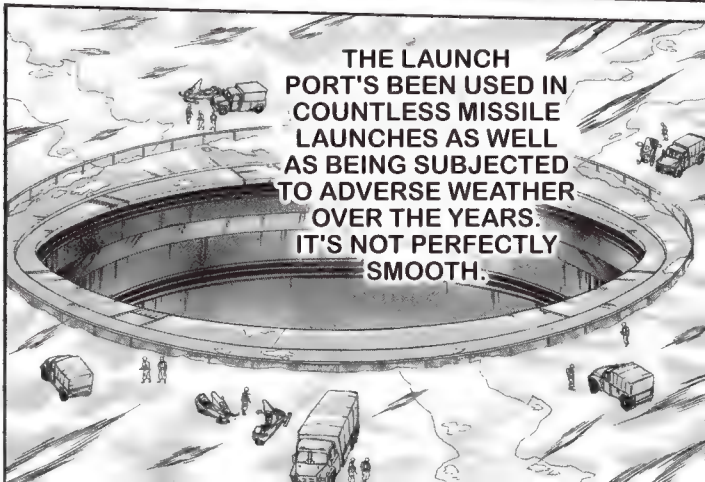


IT'S A
SIMPLE
SPORT.
JUST
A
MATTER
OF
CLIMBING
A
WALL.



...I'VE
HEARD
IT'S
POSSIBLE
TO
SUPPORT
YOUR
FULL
BODY
WEIGHT
WITH
JUST
ONE
FINGER.

FOR
A
TRUE
MASTER
OF
THE
SPORT...



THE LAUNCH
PORT'S BEEN USED IN
COUNTLESS MISSILE
LAUNCHES AS WELL
AS BEING SUBJECTED
TO ADVERSE WEATHER
OVER THE YEARS.
IT'S NOT PERFECTLY
SMOOTH.

**THE
SLIGHTEST
BIT OF
RUST...**

**THE
SLIGHTEST
SCRATCH...**



IF HE HADN'T
ENTERED INTO A
LIFE OF CRIME,
HE COULD
HAVE EARNED
COUNTLESS
GOLD MEDALS
FOR OUR
COUNTRY.

SIKORSKY'S
PHYSICAL
PROWESS IS
AMONG THE
GREATEST IN
THE WORLD.

**FOR
SIKORSKY
IT'S MORE
THAN
POSSIBLE.**







**START
THE
PURSUIT!**

WE'RE
HEADING
TOWARDS
...

I
KNOW
...

CHIEF...



I'LL MAKE
SURE
HE GETS
TO THE
GALLOWES
!!

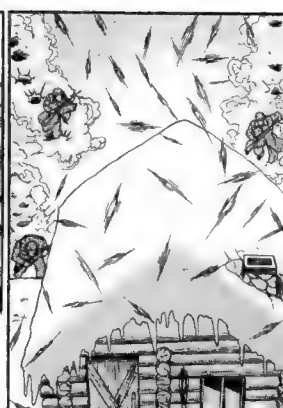
VROOOOOM



...THERE'S
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT...

IF HE
MAKES
IT TO
THAT
PLACE...

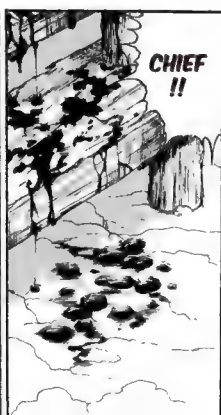
VROOOOOM





**CHIEF
!!**

TAKE A
LOOK
AT
THIS.



**CHIEF
!!**

GALLEN
!!





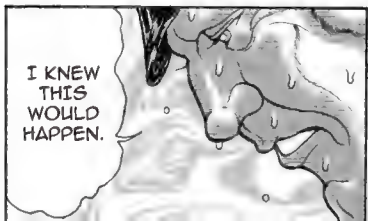
**RUSSIA'S
HERO
!!**



**RUSSIA'S
PROUD
HERO...**



**I KNEW
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN.**





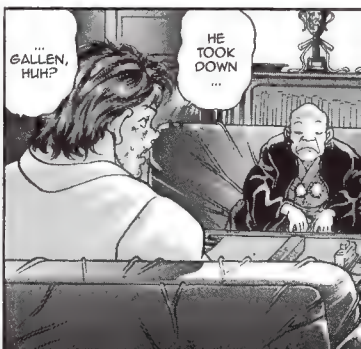
**CHIEF
!!**

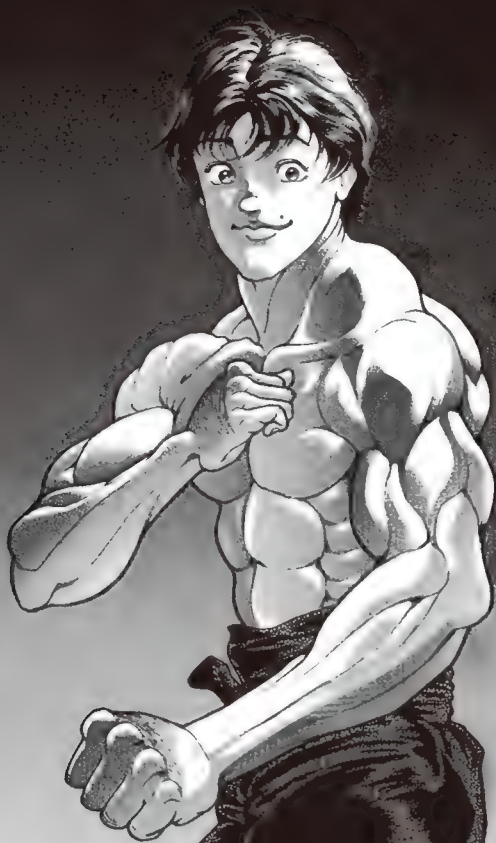
**YOU CAN'T
DEFEAT A
MONSTER LIKE
SIKORSKY
WITH
WRESTLING
SKILLS
ALONE.**



**...TO
GET A
TASTE
OF
DEFEAT.**

**I'M
HEADING
EAST
...**





CHAPTER 5

AMERICA-SPEC



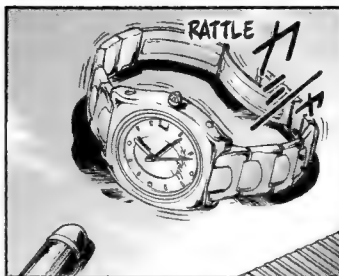
LIGHTER.

CLUD



FOUNTAIN
PEN.

CLINK



RATTLE

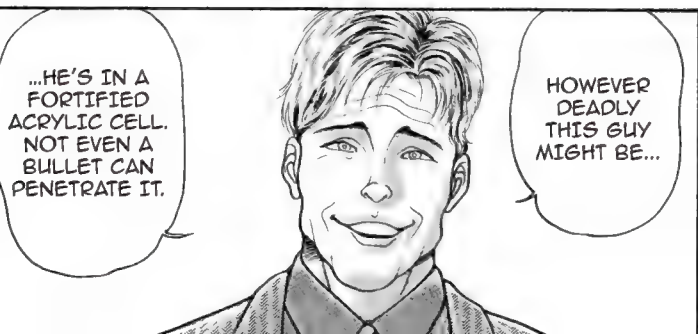


WATCH.

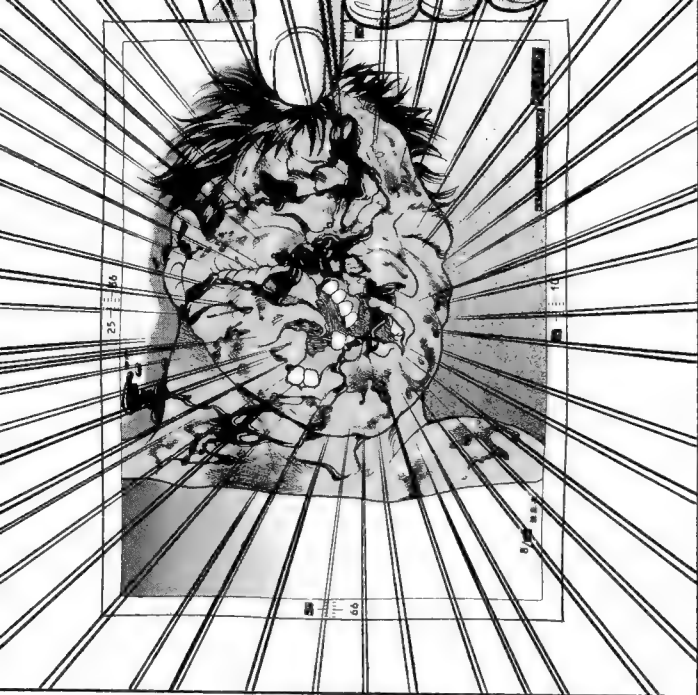


IS THAT
ENOUGH
??

IT'S LIKE
I JUST LOST
EVERYTHING
IN A HAND
OF POKER.
AM I RIGHT?







THE
"BLOOD"
TURNED
OUT
TO BE
KETCHUP
FROM
THAT
DAY'S
LUNCH.



BY
THE TIME
WE SHOUTED
AT HIM TO
GET BACK,
SPEC'S GAME
WAS ALREADY
OVER.



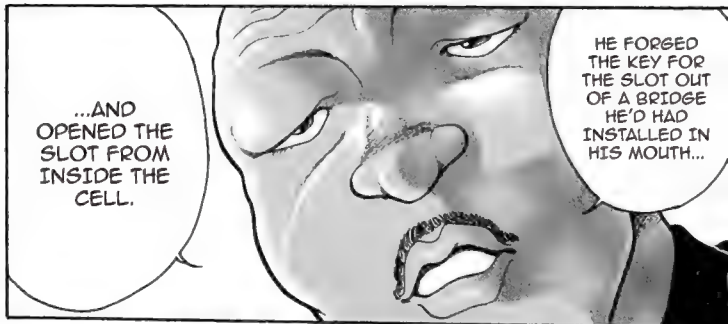
SPEC
STARTED
VOMITING
BLOOD,
SO THE
COUNSELOR
APPROACHED
HIM.

HE
REACHED
THE
ACRYLIC
PLATE.



YOU CAN
FIGURE OUT
THE REST
FROM THE
PHOTO.

HE GRABBED
THE GUY
FROM BEHIND
THE FOOD
TRAY SLOT
AND LANDED
ONE SQUARE
IN HIS FACE.



...AND
OPENED THE
SLOT FROM
INSIDE THE
CELL.

HE FORGED
THE KEY FOR
THE SLOT OUT
OF A BRIDGE
HE'D HAD
INSTALLED IN
HIS MOUTH...



TINK カラ

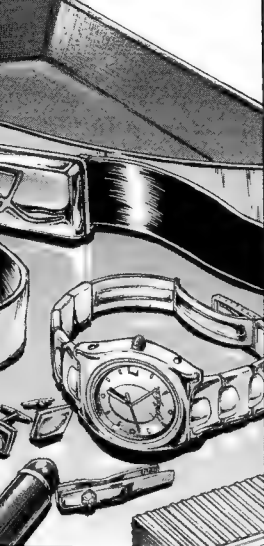


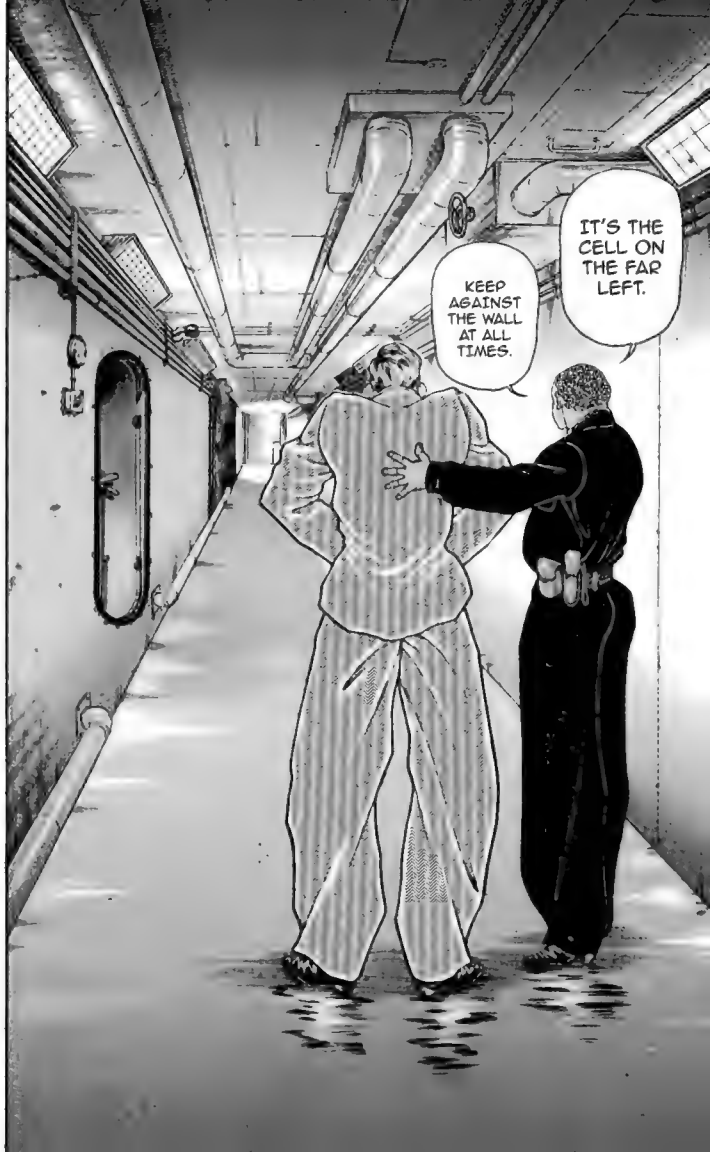
CUFFLINKS,
RIGHT?

CU...



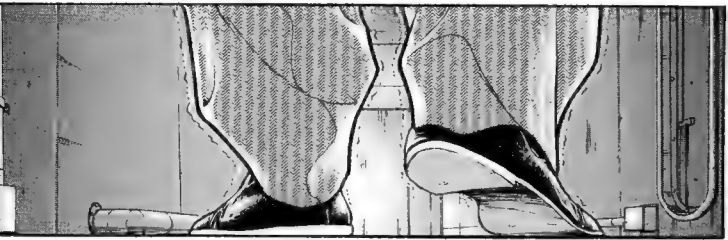
ゴクッ...
GULP...



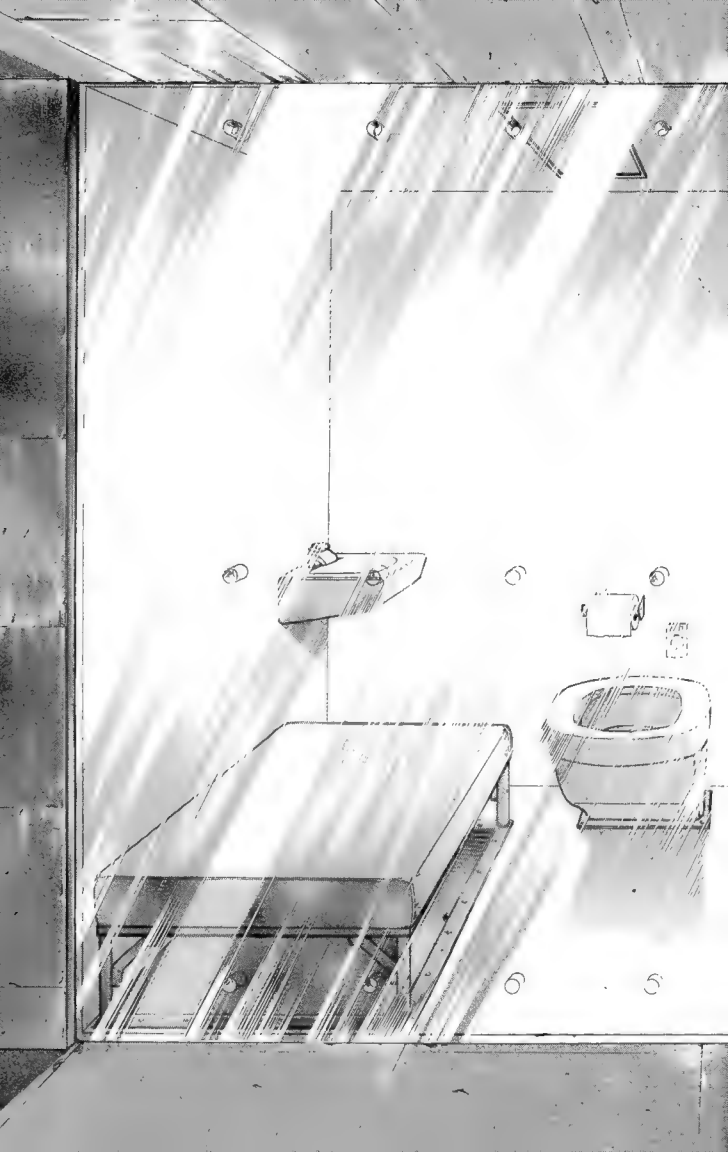


KEEP
AGAINST
THE WALL
AT ALL
TIMES.

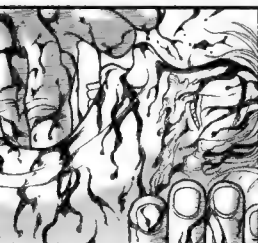
IT'S THE
CELL ON
THE FAR
LEFT.















**...200
METERS
UNDER
THE
OCEAN!**

**LEVEL
5 UNDERWATER
PENITENTIARY,
FLORIDA,
USA.**

THE USA HAS VARIOUS LEVELS OF PRISONS DESIGNED TO HOLD CONVICTS WHO POSE VARIOUS LEVELS OF THREAT TO SOCIETY. THE HIGHER THE LEVEL, THE GREATER THE THREAT.

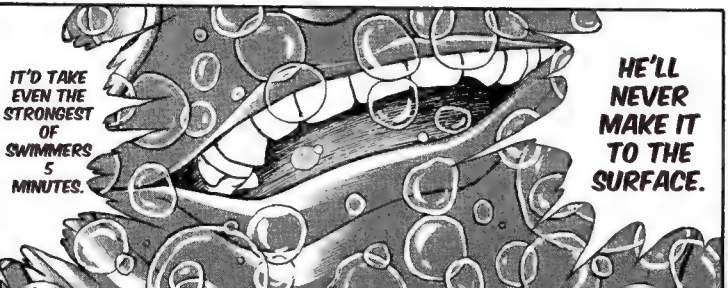


**HE MADE
A KEY
OUT OF A
PIECE OF
METAL...**

**SPECK'S
LEFT THE
VESSEL!**

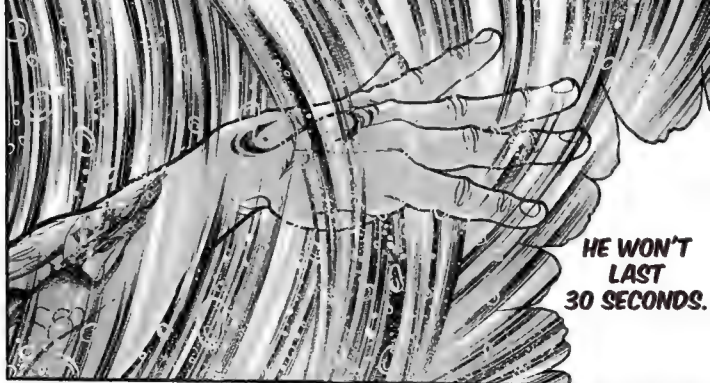
**...AND
PICKED THE
LOCK TO
THE ESCAPE
HATCH.**

**SO
THAT'S WHY
HE TOOK THE
PROFESSOR'S
TOOTH!**



**IT'D TAKE
EVEN THE
STRONGEST
OF
SWIMMERS
5
MINUTES.**

**HE'LL
NEVER
MAKE IT
TO THE
SURFACE.**



**HE WON'T
LAST
30 SECONDS.**



**INFORM THE
COASTGUARDS,
JUST TO BE
ON THE SAFE
SIDE.**



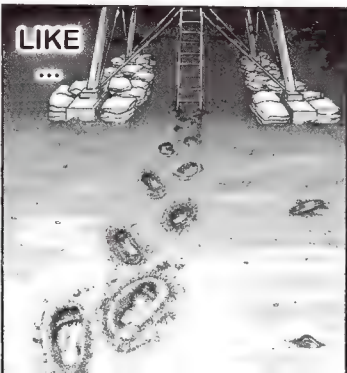


UNLUCKY, GUARDS

THERE'S STILL
SO MUCH YOU
DON'T KNOW
ABOUT ME.



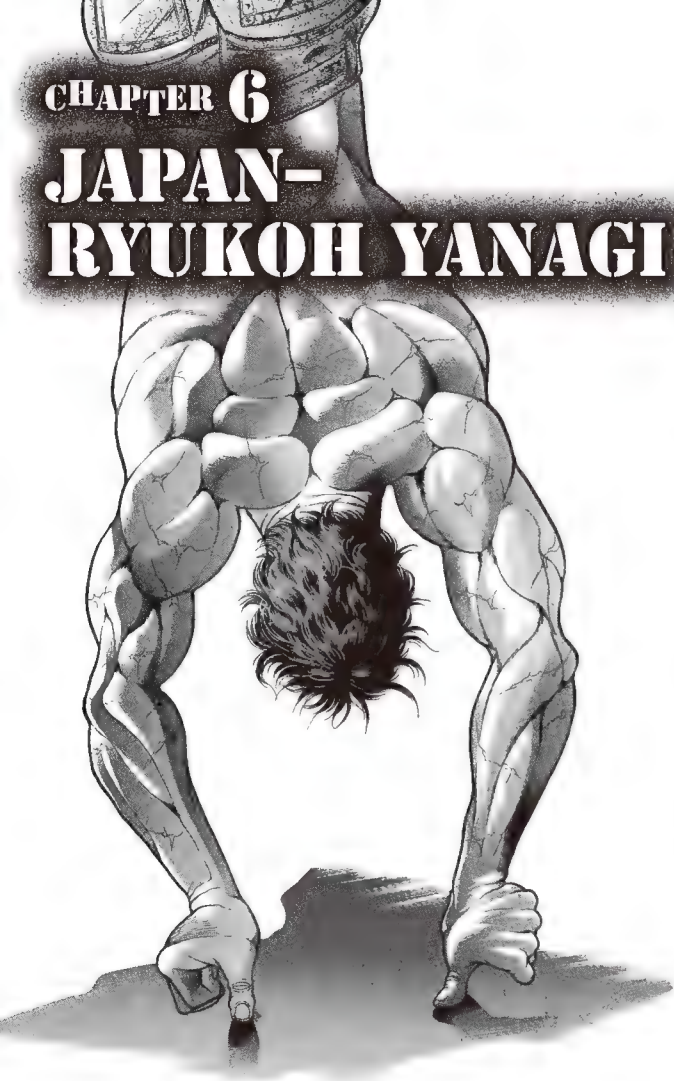
LIKE



...HOW
I'M ABLE
TO HOLD
MY BREATH
FOR
5 MINUTES.

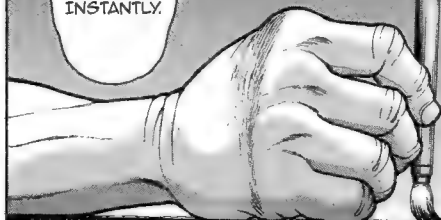
CHAPTER 6

JAPAN- RYUKOH YANAGI



THEY
ALL DIED
INSTANTLY.

AROUND
A DOZEN
VICTIMS.



...BUT THAT
DOESN'T
EXEMPT
HIM FROM
THE DEATH
PENALTY.

THEY
WERE ALL
CONVICTS...



NOPE.
IT WAS
ALL
DONE
BY...

HE HAD
SOME
KIND OF
UNIQUE
FIGHTING
SKILL?

HOW WAS
SOMEONE
LIKE
HIM ABLE TO
TAKE DOWN
SO MANY
HUGE GUYS?



SOME KIND
OF POISON
GAS HE HAD
HIDDEN ON
HIS PERSON.

...GAS.

H-
HOW
??

GAS
?!

I KNOW.
IT DOESN'T
SEEM
POSSIBLE,
RIGHT?





HE'S
JUST THIS
SCRAWNY
MIDDLE-
AGED GUY.

I MEAN
HE CAN'T BE
MORE THAN
1.6 METERS,
RIGHT?

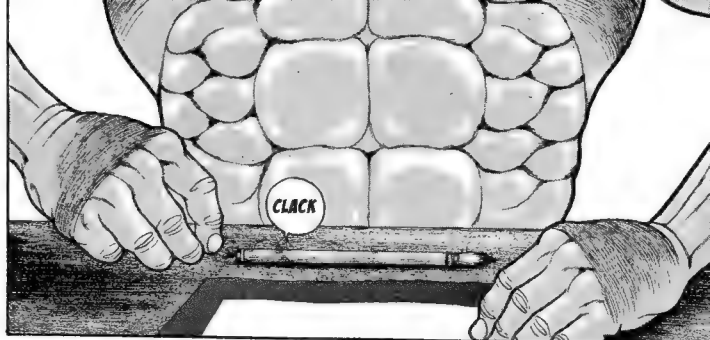
IT'S
MIMICRY.

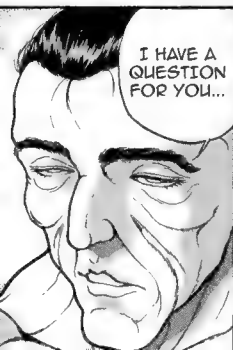


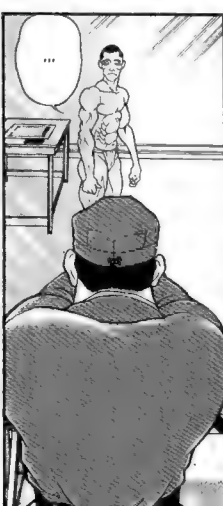
ARE
WE SAFE
BEHIND
THIS
GLASS?

WE TESTED
IT AGAINST
A ROCKET
LAUNCHER
WE GOT
FROM THE
SELF-DEFENSE
FORCE.
IT BOUNCED
RIGHT OFF.

RYUKOH
YANAGI...
THE
VIPER...









WHAT
GOOD IS
A GUN
AGAINST
BULLET-
PROOF
GLASS?



OF
COURSE,
TO
ME IT'S
JUST
REGULAR
GLASS.





...AND
SOMETHING
PECULIAR
HAPPENS.

**YANAGI,
STEP
BACK!!**

GLENGH

IT ACTS
JUST LIKE
REGULAR
GLASS.

BANG

BANG

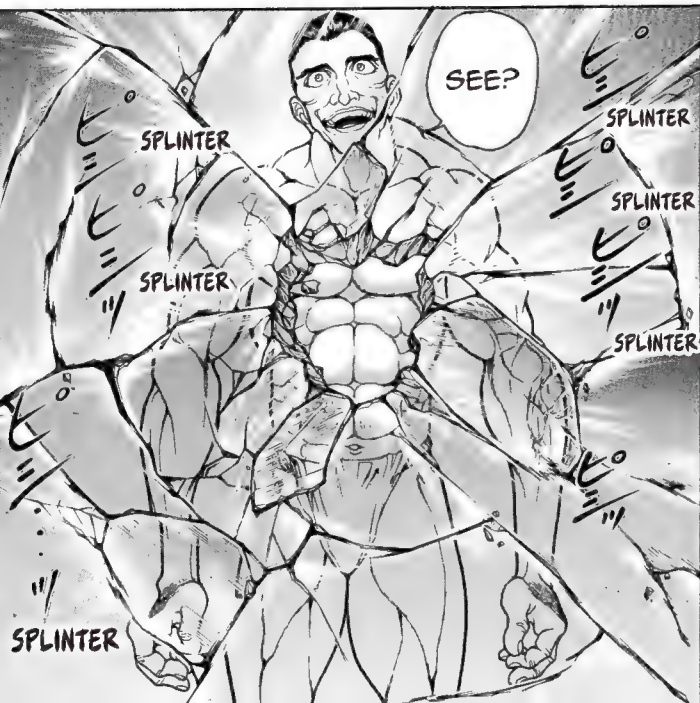
DOOMPH

CRACK

CRACK

CRUMBLE







SHATTER

SHATTER

!!

!!

SHATTER





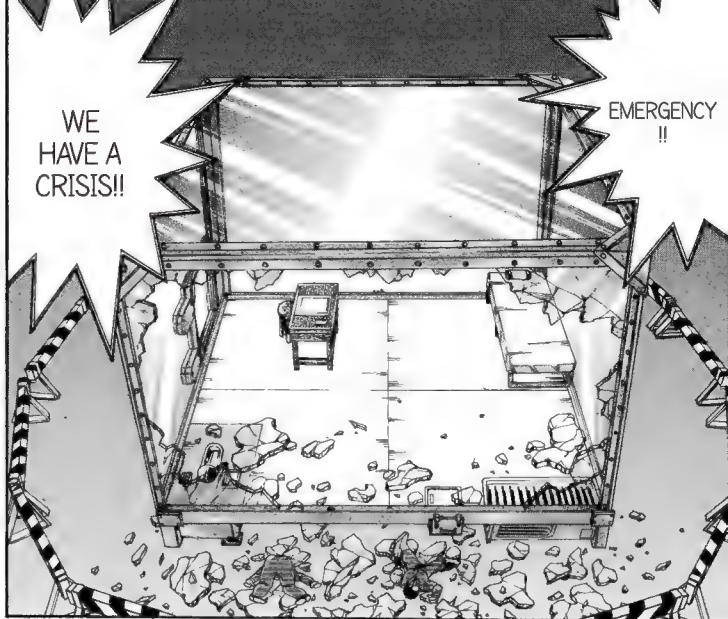






WE
HAVE A
CRISIS!!

EMERGENCY
!!



**AIR
MASTER**

ALL
PERSON-
NEL!

ALL
PERSONNEL
REPORT
!!

**STATEMENT
OF REGRET**

**I MUST HEAD TO
TOKYO TO TASTE
DEFEAT.
RYUKOH YANAGI,**

**AIR
MASTER**



**SYNCHRO-
NICITY.**

**CHAPTER 7
DARK MARTIAL ARTS**



BAKI...



...ALL
UTTERED THE
EXACT SAME
WORDS
BEFORE
LEAVING
FOR
TOKYO.

5 UNRELATED
CONVICTS
ON DEATH
ROW...



**YOU MUST
UNDERSTAND
THE
SEVERITY
OF THE
SITUATION.**



**UNITED
KINGDOM
DOYLE**



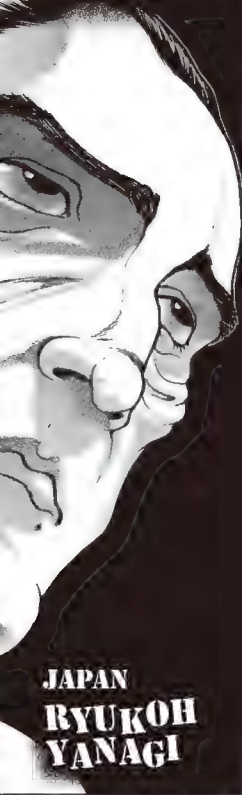
**RUSSIA
SIKORSKY**



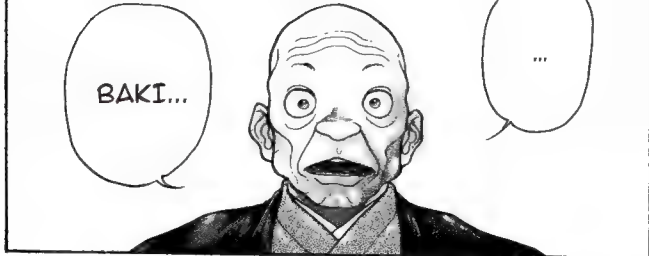
**AMERICA
DORIAN**

CHAPTER 7

**DARK MARTIAL
ARTS**



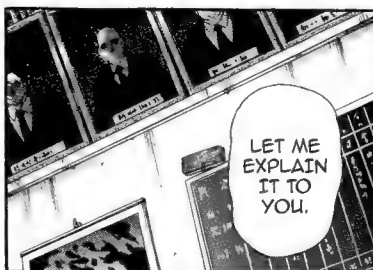






...SO
YOU'RE
SAYING...

...



LET ME
EXPLAIN
IT TO
YOU.



HUH
?!

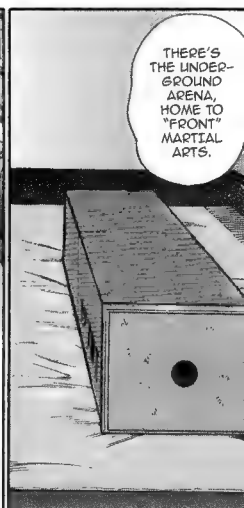
THEY'RE
COMING
FOR
YOU!

YES!



...THE
SO-CALLED
DARK SIDE,
HOME TO
"BACK"
MARTIAL
ARTS.

THEN
THERE'S
THE
CRIMINAL
WORLD...



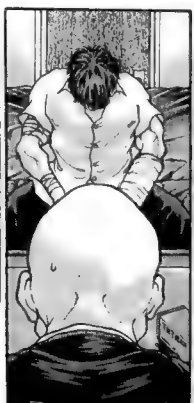
THERE'S
THE UNDER-
GROUND
ARENA,
HOME TO
"FRONT"
MARTIAL
ARTS.

**LIGHT
MARTIAL ARTS
AND DARK
MARTIAL ARTS
COLLIDING IN A
NEVER-ENDING
WAR.**

**FRONT
AND
BACK...**



**IT'S
NATURE
!!**





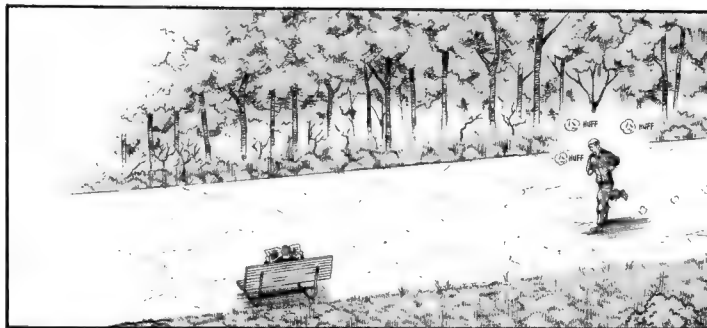


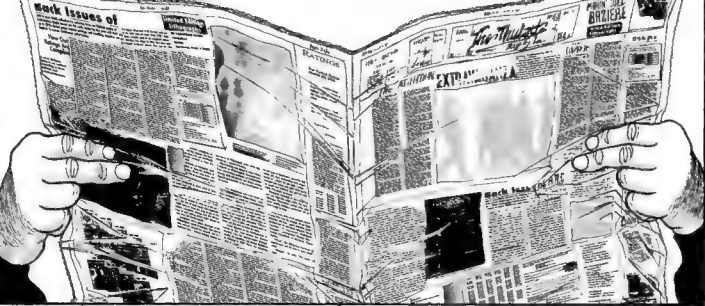
SHOOP

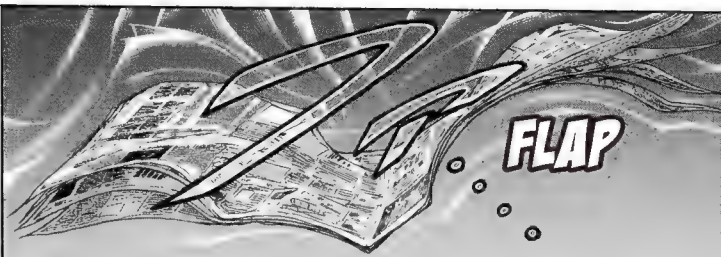


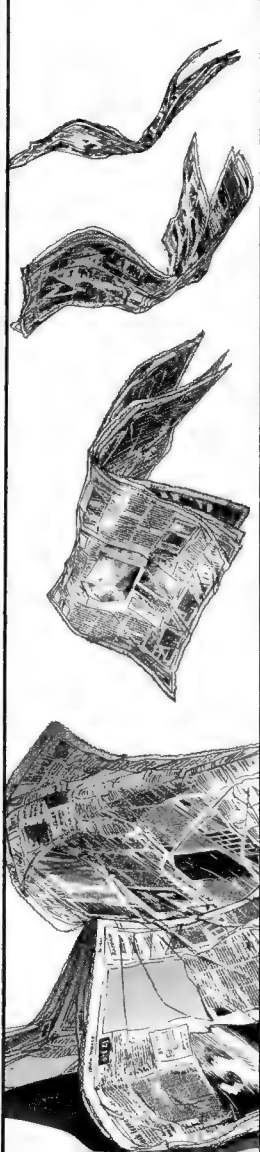
THWISSHH

SHOOMPH



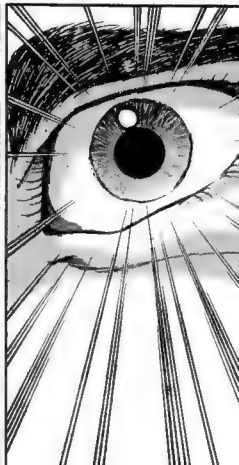














**RAZOR
BLADES...**

**...IN
THE
COLLAR!!**





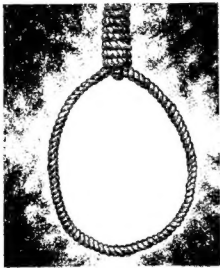
SPOOOOSH



...AN
AMATEUR.

AND
YOU
THINK
I'M...

BAKI VOLUME 1 END



The Strong is the Beautiful!!

BAKI 1

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